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India, U.S. inch closer to limited trade agreement

Deal is likely to be signed by November; the earlier goal was to finalise an initial agreement by July 9, when U.S. tariffs kick in; sticky issues include high U.S. tariffs on steel, aluminium imports

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

An India-U.S. trade deal, including a potential initial "mini-deal" of limited concessions, will likely be firmed up by the original deadline of the fall season – between September and November in the U.S., according to sources aware of the progress of the negotiations.

Earlier, officials on both sides had expressed confidence of finalising an initial deal before July 9.

Delegation visits

An Indian team led by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal visited the U.S. last month to further the negotiations, followed by a week-long trip to India by a U.S. team of negotiators that ended on June 10.

Trade troubles

Though India and the U.S. are keen to conclude a mutually beneficial Bilateral Trade Agreement at the earliest, hurdles remain

- U.S. wants greater agri-products **market access**, but India is resistant
- India wants **relaxations** on higher U.S. steel & aluminium tariffs, but the U.S. is reluctant

Negotiations on: Union Minister Piyush Goyal meeting U.S. Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick in May.

- U.S. President Donald Trump's 90-day pause on tariff hikes ends on **July 9**

Despite "productive" talks, certain sticky issues remained that are stymieing the finalisation of an initial deal.

"India and the U.S. are working towards negotiating the first tranche of a mutually beneficial, multi-sector Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) by fall 2025," a government official told *The Hindu*.

The fall deadline had first been mentioned following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the U.S. in February this year. In a joint statement following the visit, the two countries said that "the leaders announced plans to negotiate the first tranche of a mutually beneficial, multi-sector Bilateral Trade Agreement by fall of 2025".

The official added that the negotiations with the U.S. "were productive" and helped in making progress towards crafting a "mutually beneficial and balanced agreement", but added that some "sticky issues" remained.

Bone of contention

"On our side, one of our major issues is the tariffs they have imposed on steel and aluminium," the official explained. "We are trying to get a concession on this, but they are not yet agreeing to it."

On June 4, U.S. President Donald Trump signed an executive order doubling tariffs on steel and aluminium imports to 50%. This came after his March decision to hike the import duties on these metals to 25%.

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IRCTC Tatkal ticket booking will require Aadhaar from July 1

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

To ensure equitable access to Tatkal tickets and curb misuse, the Indian Railways on Wednesday announced a series of modifications to the Tatkal ticket booking system.

The new provisions include Aadhaar-based authentication as a prerequisite for online Tatkal bookings. "Effective from July 1, Tatkal tickets booked through IRCTC's official website and mobile app will be available only to users authenticated with Aadhaar," said a spokesperson of the Ministry of Railways.

Aadhaar-based OTP authentication would be mandatory for all online Tatkal bookings from July 15, the spokesperson said.

The new rule will be applicable to offline Tatkal bookings as well. "Tatkal tickets booked at computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters and through authorised agents will require OTP authentication sent to the mobile number provided by the user at the time of booking," the spokesperson said. This provision, too, will come into effect from July 15.

Agents cannot book Tatkal tickets for the first 30 minutes of the booking window.

To prevent bulk bookings during the critical opening window, the Railways has barred agents from booking opening-day Tatkal tickets during the first 30 minutes of the respective booking windows.

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All districts expected to get rainfall till June 17: IMD

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the south-west monsoon reviving, several parts of Karnataka received rainfall on Wednesday.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Bengaluru, Director C.S. Patil, all districts in the State are expected to receive widespread rainfall till June 17.

He added that Uttara Kannada, Udupi, Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Kodagu, and Belagavi districts would receive heavy to very heavy rain and thundershowers in the next four days and an orange alert has been declared for them.

Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri, and Bagalkot districts were expected to receive heavy rainfall and a yellow alert had been declared for them.

Mr. Patil said that Bengaluru was also expected to receive rainfall till June 17.

Valmiki corporation 'scam': ED searches premises linked to Ballari MP, three MLAs

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI/BENGALURU

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday searched the premises linked to Ballari Congress MP, E. Tukaram, and three MLAs in connection with alleged diversion of funds from the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation in 2024.

The premises linked to Mr. Tukaram and Nara Bharath Reddy, the MLA for Ballari, and J.N. Ganesh, MLA for Kampli, were searched by separate ED teams.

Mr. Tukaram and his wife E. Annapurna, MLA for Sandur, were questioned by the ED officials for a few hours. They also searched the residence of Govardhan Reddy, a close aide of Ballari Rural MLA and former Minister B. Nagendra.

The ED also arrived at the residence of MLA, N.T. Srinivas, at Narasimhagiri in Kudligi taluk. However, only the MLA's mother was present at the time, and he was away.

The raids are linked to the alleged diversion of funds from the Valmiki corporation, of which ₹20.19 crore is suspected to have been used during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections in Ballari.

Filing a charge sheet in the case, with Mr. Nagendra as accused 1, in October, 2024, the ED had claimed ₹89.62 crore was diverted from the corporation into various accounts.

The charge sheet also claimed that of this, ₹20.19 crore was used to support the party candidate in the2024 Lok Sabha elections from Ballari constituency. A substantial part of this money was used to procure alcohol to be distributed during the elections, ED sources said.

The ED had reportedly recovered a note from the mobile phone of Mr. Nagendra's aide Vijay Kumar Gowda allegedly detailing the expenses and distribution of money for Lok Sabha elections, 2024, in Ballari constituency. The ED claimed that Mr. Gowda handled cash for Mr. Nagendra. The three MLAs raided on Wednesday, also figured in the note, the sources claimed.

Police check a vehicle entering the premises of the Legislators' Home in Bengaluru, as the ED launched searches against Congress MP, E. Tukaram, and others on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

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> **MALLIKARJUN KHARGE,** Congress president

Responding to the ED raids, Congress president and Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, accused the Union government of misusing investigative agencies to target the Opposition.

"They allege that misappropriated funds were used during the Lok Sabha elections, yet these raids are taking place a year later. Thousands of crores were seized during the elections, but no one knows where that money went. Instead of addressing that, they are harassing the Congress in an attempt to destabilise us and gain political advantage. But that will not happen. We are united and will stand firm," he said during his interaction with media representatives at his residence in Kalaburagi in the morning

Congress general secretary and Karnataka incharge Randeep Singh Surjewala also condemned the raids by questioning whether the success of Karnataka Congress government's guarantee schemes had disturbed the BJP's sleep.

Mining case: HC suspends conviction, sentence of Reddy

Marri Ramu
HYDERABAD

Justice K. Lakshman of the Telangana High Court on Wednesday suspended the conviction and the sentence of seven years imprisonment awarded by a CBI special court to Gali Janardhan Reddy in the illegal mining case involving Obulapuram Mining Company. The judge granted bail to three other convicts in the case – V. Dasari Raj Gopal, B.V. Sreenivasa Reddy and K. Mehfuz Ali Khan.

Having heard for two days the two interlocutory applications filed by Mr. Janardhan Reddy appealing against the special court verdict, the judge granted him conditional bail.

The judge directed Mr. Janardhan Reddy to furnish a personal bond with two sureties, each of ₹10 lakh, at the Principal Special Judge for CBI Cases, Hyderabad Court.

Mr. Janardhan Reddy should not leave the country without the HC's permission, and he should not indulge in criminal acts during the bail period, were the other two conditions. Observing that the contentions and grounds raised by Mr. Reddy can be heard at the time of hearing the main appeal, the judge said "...this court is of the view that if the conviction is not suspended there is likelihood of the Election Commission of India issuing notification for conduct of byelection to the aforesaid constituency".

"In such an event, the petitioner would be put to irreparable loss and injury," the judge noted. There were 'irreversible consequences' and 'special circumstances' to grant bail to him, the judge said, allowing the two interlocutory applications. Noting that Mr. Janardhan Reddy completed 50% of the conviction, Justice Lakshman said that the High Courthad to consider different aspects, pros and cons of suspension of conviction.

"This court is of the prima facie view that if conviction is not suspended, the petitioner, the sitting MLA, who gained confidence of the people, would not be in a position to represent his constituency people," the judge said in his interim direction.

Citing different verdicts of the Supreme Court, the judge said the High Court had the power to suspend the sentence and conviction and also grant bail to the accused by recording reasons.

Gali Janardhan Reddy

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> **K. LAKSHMAN** Telangana High Court

Nandi Hills closed for public from June 16 to 20

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Popular tourist destination Nandi Hills will be closed for the public from June 16 to 20 as a Cabinet meeting will be held on top of the hills on June 19.

In a recently passed order, the district administration of Chickballapur, where Nandi Hills is situated said that the tourists will not be allowed to travel up the hill from 6 p.m. on June 16 to 5 a.m. on June 20.

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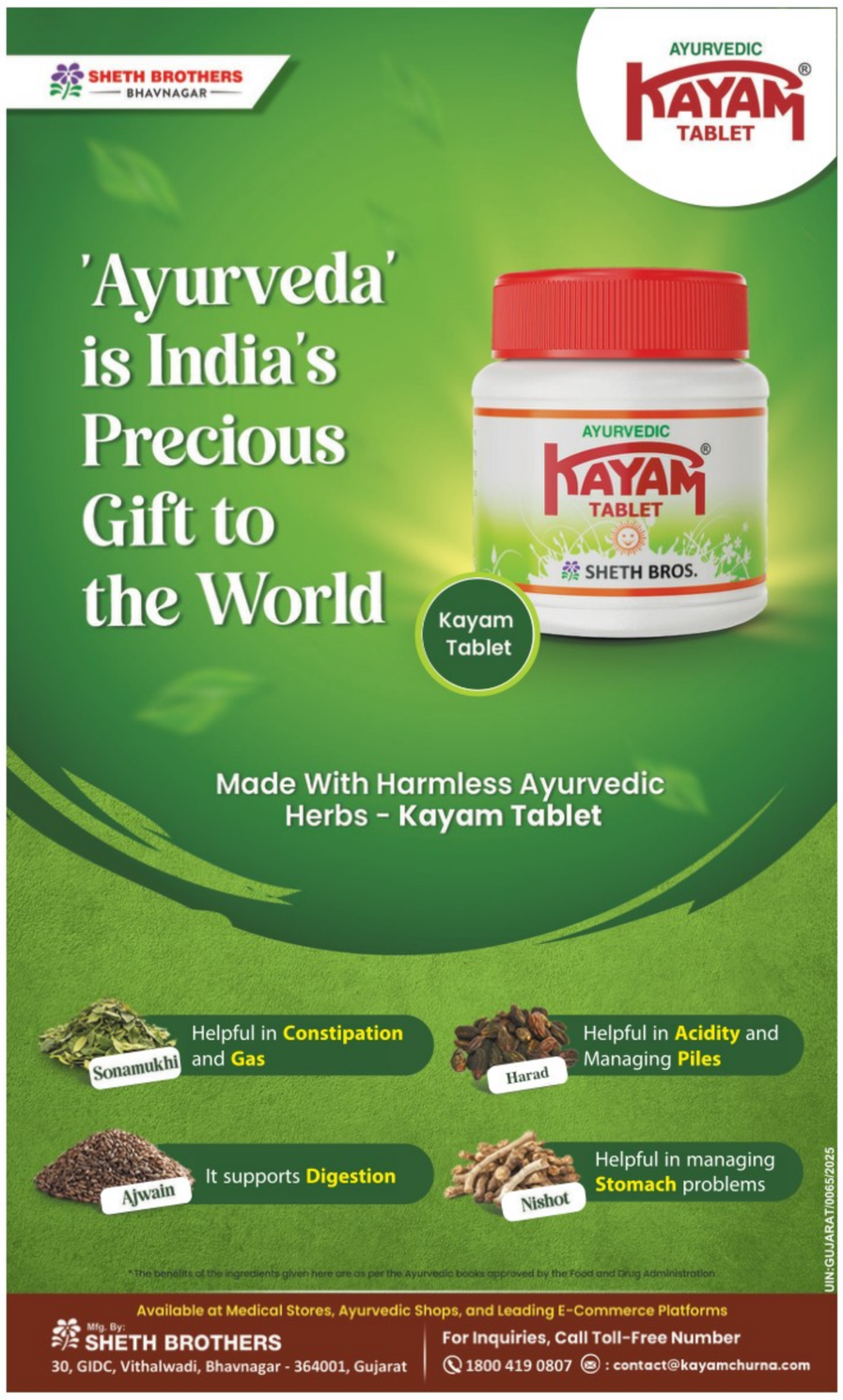

You can never achieve perfection but that's the only thing that will keep you running

The leg-spinner feels that being part of the victorious Champions Trophy squad was reward for the hard work he put in, and discusses the challenges of making a comeback

INTERVIEW

VARUN CHAKARAVARTHY

S. Dipak Ragav
COIMBATORE

Ever since his return to the national team in October 2024, Varun Chakaravarthy has been on a purple patch. The 33-year-old has quickly become India's strike bowler in T20Is and could be a key cog in the Men in Blue's title-defence campaign in next year's T20 World Cup to be played in India and Sri Lanka. Earlier this year, the mystery spinner also demonstrated his prowess in the ODI format as well and played a key part in India's Champions Trophy triumph. After another productive IPL season where he took 17 wickets, Varun is back in the TNPL, trying out new variations to stay ahead of the batter. In a chat with *The Hindu*, Varun spoke about his form, the three-year struggle to get back his place in the national team, and more. Excerpts:

It has been a tremendous last year for you. How do you see this phase of your career, and do you feel you are at the peak of your form?

Nothing but gratitude for the people who stood by me and helped me. So I'd like to thank all of them. In another six or seven months, I might reach my peak. Still, there's more work to be done, which is what I'm trying to work on in this TNPL so that I can try some new things. If I get one more (variation), which I am trying, I will be very happy.

You had another successful season in the IPL, taking the most wickets for KKR. It was also the first time you came into an IPL after playing a lot of international cricket. How was it in terms of your game and also your workload?

Regarding the workload, not much, but just the mental aspect of it. I played the full domestic season, and I was at home for probably just 10 days over the last seven months. Other than that, it's fine and I can't complain at all. I love what's coming my way and I have to take it with both hands.

It wasn't tough in the IPL, I feel IPL can sometimes be tougher than international cricket. However, it gets tougher when you play domestic cricket, as sometimes the fatigue sets in. I train three to four times a week nowadays, which helps keep my body fit. For the last seven months, I have been playing continuous cricket, and thankfully, I have no injuries. I'm used to the schedule now, and I feel that by the time the next T20 World Cup comes, I will be even fitter. So, I am ready for the challenges.

Can you discuss the effort you've put into your fitness? You started late and weren't the fittest or most agile cricketer, but you seem to have gotten better.

Yeah, it was a holistic approach. First thing, I had to cut down on my unwanted food-eating habits. So nutrition was the most important thing, and then hitting the gym three or four times a week. I have not trained with a single person so far, because every team has had a different trainer. I had to find my way through, which was challenging, but I was able to do it. I know what works for me and what doesn't, so I communicate with them and take it forward. I am also running constantly, so if I get a two or three-day break between matches, I make sure to run on one of those days. It's more about making my lifestyle as a cricketer, rather than just doing it as practice time.

How was it being part of the Champions Trophy-winning squad, and you played your part in the triumph as well?

Yeah, it's the biggest blessing, I think, that I've got for whatever I had to go through in the last three years when I was not recognised. Once I was dropped from the team, I felt that I had put in too much work, but I didn't have a clear direction. I have to give credit where it's due - definitely to GG sir (Gautam Gambhir) and the captains, who backed me. I performed well in the T20

series, and then I was introduced to the ODI setup. Rohit Sharma also played a role in getting me into the team. It just felt like life came full circle at that same venue. I just wish I could turn up like that for the country again and again and keep making everyone proud.

You were seen as a largely T20 bowler, so how did you find the transition to ODI cricket?

I have always done well in the 50-over format for TN. In the three seasons I've played in the Vijay Hazare, I've always been among the top two highest wicket takers in the country, so it has always gone well for me. So, one-day cricket was never a doubt for me. I always knew that I could do it. I know that once the ball softens and becomes rougher, I can get more grip and turn, and if the batters miss it, I can take wickets. In T20, you don't get time to set up a batter, but in ODI, I get that. I can bowl five incoming deliveries, and one away, or four outgoing deliveries, and one in. I can't do that in T20, because I will get predictable.

You are largely self-taught in the sense that you didn't go through the rigours of age-group cricket and more systemic coaching. How did it help or affect your ability to make a comeback?

Yes, because I started everything by myself, even now, the thinking part and the direction part are where I have to be involved; everything I do is on my own. When I needed help, I did fall back on A.C. Prathiban and, obviously, Abhishek Nayar, who has been my mentor and helps me with the mental aspect of it. But other than this, the key decisions I take. If I have to develop variations or not, I take all those things into consideration. I put it in front of my coach, AC (Prathiban), and he gets to see if it's working or not, so that's how our partnership has been. My mind is always working around the clock to improve. Even here in TNPL, I've come to try certain variations.

What is the key to the success of being a mystery spinner, and how to stay ahead of the batter?

I think it's mainly about the sequencing of the deliveries. I can bowl three away going and one incoming, or one straight, two incomings, one away going. It's about how I'm mixing up, how I'm sequencing the ball. The skill is there, but how you use it is the main thing, because there are many people with the skill. You must be highly accurate in all those deliveries. I know that I have to be perfect.

However, the fact is that perfection is an illusion (maya). You can never achieve perfection, but that's the only thing that will keep you running; you will never be satisfied, so it is a double-edged sword. That's how it works, too. Even though I know I won't be perfect at all, I keep chasing it.

From your breakthrough in 2018, you made the national team in three years. However, once dropped, it took another three years to get back your place. Which was tougher?

Yeah, my comeback was a lot tougher because I had tasted the forbidden fruit once, so I wanted to taste it again. Once I was dropped from the team, I knew the way, but there were more obstacles this time. The first time I came through, it was through word of mouth.

However, the second time, I had to cross and convince many people, breaking many perceptions about me. Even the training regime, I used to get up by 5:30 a.m., go for practice, not knowing when I would get the call. When you say I got the call after three years, but I didn't think I would get that call after three years. So I just kept on doing my thing.

Since 2023, you have been performing well in the IPL and for TN whenever you have played. Did it affect that you didn't get a callback?

Yes, that's what made me feel that I wasn't being considered at all. That's what I thought, because I was performing well in the IPL and domestic cricket as well. But God's grace, God's plan... (I got back).

You have now found a second wind in your career. How much of it is developing new skills, and how much of it is just mental adjustments or refinements?

When you first come onto the scene, a perception is created about you, and people start getting used to it. Then you have to break that perception. You can only break that perception when you develop other specific skills. I feel it's the toughest, but that's when you'll have a longer run. The second time, it is like breaking your own identity and becoming a new person, but it is much more enduring. You must have the courage to unlearn many things.

DC summons those injured in stampede to record statements

He had called 45 injured persons along with other stakeholders, including RCB management, representatives of DNA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after beginning his inquiry into the stampede that occurred during the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) victory event, Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Jagadeesha recorded statements of a batch of people who were injured during the incident on June 4.

Some of the victims arrived with neck belts or casts on their body parts to attend the inquiry, along with their family members. Rahul, Monish Gowda, Rajesh M.G., and Syed Abu Jaffer were some of the victims who arrived for the inquiry. "I fell down near Gate 21 of the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium when they announced that free tickets were being given. I was initially not aware of the stampede, and later, around 5.20 p.m., my father called and informed me about it. When I tried to get to a safe space, I fell down and my leg got stuck in a barricade. I was taken to the hospital as I had suffered some injuries," Mr. Gowda, a 20-year-old civil engineer, said.

Probe process: One of the injured persons leaving after the inquiry by Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner G. Jagadeesha on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

He said, "The DC asked whose fault it was. I informed him that when the police tried to make way for the RCB bus, there was pushing from the crowd and that is what led to the incident."

The Deputy Commissioner had summoned 45 victims of the incident along with other stakeholders, including the management of Royal Challengers Bengaluru, representatives of DNA, the event management company, and the Karnataka State Cricket Association.

On June 5, a day after the tragedy occurred, Mr. Jagadeesha visited the stadium as part of his probe. He had also inspected the spots where the stampedes occurred. He had said that the inquiry would be completed in 15 days.

Mr. Jagadeesha was appointed as the inquiry officer on June 4. He was instructed to provide a report detailing the sequence of events and the lapses that occurred, leading to the stampede which claimed 11 lives while injuring several others.

HC to pronounce verdict today on legality of arrest of RCB and DNA executives

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday reserved its order on the petitions filed by four representatives of Royal Challengers Sports Pvt. Ltd. (RCSPL) and DNA Networks Pvt. Ltd., who have questioned the legality of their arrest in connection with the June 4 stampede outside the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in the city during the celebration of RCB's victory in IPL-2025 tournament.

Justice S.R. Krishna Kumar, who heard the arguments on the petition, said he would pronounce the verdict on Thursday afternoon.

The petitions were filed by Nikhil Sosale, head (Marketing and Revenue), RCSPL; Sunil Mathew, director, and Kiran Kumar, event manager of DNA; and Shamant N.P. Mavinakere, a freelancer with DNA.

Earlier, State Advocate-General Shashi Kiran Shetty and Additional State Public Prosecutor B.N. Jagadeesha defended their arrest, claiming that the police adhered to all the procedures laid down in law and by the apex court while arresting them.

Mr. Shetty said these four persons were among others connected with the RCSPL and DNA, who were responsible for making social media posts inviting cricket fans to come to the stadium for the victory celebrations, even though there was no permission to organise the event at the stadium.

Also, the A-G said that neither the Karnataka State Cricket Association nor the RCSPL had sought permission under the provisions of the Licensing and Controlling of Assemblies and Processions (Bangalore city) Order, 2008, notified in 2009, for the event.

The communications sent by the KSCA or others were only a mere intimation of the possible victory celebrations and no formal application, the A-G said while contending that in any case, the police had not granted permission to the victory celebrations held in the stadium, and hence it was illegal and punishable in law.

Holding of illegal event led to the death of 11 persons in the stampede as the RSCPL had failed to manage the crowd, Mr. Shetty contended.

On CM and Dy. CM

While the A-G did not say anything on the court's query whether Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had stated at a media conference that he had ordered the arrest of officials of the RCB and others, the written statement filed by the police stated that contention of the petitioners, that their arrest was solely made on the Chief Minister's order, was not relevant for deciding the legality of their arrest.

On the petitioners' claim that Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar had participated in the celebrations in the stadium, the A-G said he was only an invitee and it was was the RCSPL which held the event without permission.

Governor was invited to take part in felicitation: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday clarified that Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot had been invited to take part in a function organised to felicitate the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) team members on the steps of the Vidhana Soudha on June 4.

Speaking to reporters at Gauribidanur in Chickballapur district, the Chief Minister said the Governor did not attend the function on his own, as suggested by a section of the media, but he had been invited for the function.

"K. Govindaraju, MLC, called Mr. Gehlot over the phone, and then he told me to speak to the Governor," the Chief Minister said. "The entire function ended in 20 minutes."

Speaking to reporters a few days ago, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar had said he was not aware as to who invited Mr. Gehlot to take part in the function. The Governor took part in the felicitation ceremony along with Mr. Siddaramaiah, Mr. Shivakumar, and a host of Ministers, including G. Parameshwara, B.Z. Zameer Khan and M.C. Sudhakar, among others.

Rights body seeks details of children affected

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has requested the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to provide information about the children who were affected in the stampede that took place during the Royal Challengers Bangalore's (RCB) victory celebrations in the city last week.

In a letter to the director of CID, KSCPCR chairperson K. Naganna Gowda said that a large number of people from Bengaluru and other districts had come to the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium to be a part of the celebrations. The fact that children were also among them has come to the notice of the commission.

"There were 11 people who died in the stampede. The public has informed the commission that children were also affected in the incident. Therefore, the commission has taken this issue seriously, but the exact details of the problems caused to the children present there are not known yet," the letter read.

Rally today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To mark the World Day Against Child Labour on Thursday the Department of Labour in collaboration with the State and District Child Labour Project Societies, will organise an awareness rally in Bengaluru.

The rally will commence at 8 a.m. and will be flagged off by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

The rally will begin at the Gandhi Statue on M.G. Road and proceed via Kasturba Road and Cubbon Park, culminating at the NGO Hall near K.R. Circle.

Hit-and-run: Police looking for lorry driver

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Ashoknagar traffic police are looking for a lorry driver who is on the run after being involved in an accident that caused the death of a 36-year-old woman and injuries to her husband at Mayo Hall junction on M.G. road on Monday evening.

The lorry was carrying waste material. While going from Cauvery Emporium junction towards Mayo Hall, the driver lost control of the vehicle and crashed into two cars that had stopped at the signal, said the police. In a bid to escape from the spot, the driver knocked down a bike and crashed into a signal pole before the vehicle came to a halt.

The lorry that was involved in an accident in which a woman was killed on M.G. Road in Bengaluru.

Anjali, 36, who was riding pillion, fell of the bike and came under the moving lorry while her husband, Vijaya Kumar, 40, sustained multiple injuries.

Sensing trouble, the driver abandoned the truck and fled from the spot.

Passers-by rushed the couple to a nearby hospital where Anjali was declared brought dead while Vijaya Kumar was treated for his injuries.

The traffic police registered a case of hit-and-run based on a complaint by Hameej P.K., driver of the car which was damaged in the accident.

The police have asked the FSL team and a team of experts to ascertain the exact reason for the accident.

Airtel blocks 1,80,000 malicious links

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Airtel, telecom service provider, on Wednesday said it blocked 1,80,000 malicious links to shield 2.3 million subscribers across Karnataka from online fraud. As part of a nationwide roll-out of its AI-powered fraud detection system, Airtel has successfully blocked more than 1,80,000 malicious links and safeguarded more than 2.3 million users across the State, within 25 days of launching its advanced fraud-detection programme, it said.

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **01.03.2025** calling upon the Borrower **(1) Mr. Chethan V** residing at No 10/2-38,1st Cross, Rudrappa Garden ,Mysore Road, Kasturiba Nagar, Government Electric Factory, Bangalore-560026 and **(2) Mr. Chandan V** residing at No 10/2-38,1st Cross, Rudrappa Garden ,Mysore Road, Kasturiba Nagar, Government Electric Factory, Bangalore-560026 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being aggregating **Rs. 52,35,225.72** (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five and Seventy Two Paisa only) as on **01.03.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **10th day of June of the year 2025.**
The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Baroda** for an amount of **Rs. 52,35,225.72** (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five and Seventy Two Paisa only) as on 01.03.2025 and interest thereon at the contractual rate plus cost, charges and expenses till date of payment.
The borrower's attention is invited to sub-section (8) of Section 13 in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property:
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Place : Bangalore
Date : 10.06.2025
Sd/- Authorised Officer
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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 15 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is " and " whatever there is"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrowers and Guarantors. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

1. Branch: Union Bank of India, Cook Town Branch (Now account transferred to Asset Recovery Branch Bengaluru North): Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: Borrowers: (1) Mr.G.Balaraju, No.72, 2nd Cross, Kempiah Block Palace Orchades Palace, Guttahalli, Bengaluru-562157. **M/s Sindhu Cargo Services Pvt Ltd., (In CIRP represented By IRP Ms. CA Shirley Mathew),** Block No.3, Sindhu Logistics Park, No.34, Nellakunte, Near MVIT College, Bettahalasuru, Hunasemaranahalli Post, Bengaluru-562157. **(For Information) Also at: Ms. CA Shirley Mathew (RP- M/s Sindhu Cargo Services Pvt Ltd)** Registered valuer & Insolvency Professional #31, Wheeler Road Extension St. Thomas Town, Bangalore-560084.**Guarantors: 2(a) Mr. B.Gopalappa, 2(b) Mrs. Vedavathi Balaraju, Both are residing at:** No.7/2, "AABHYUDAY", 2nd Cross, Kempaiah Block, Lower Palace, Guttahalli, Bengaluru-560003. **2(c) Mr Vikram Prabhakar** S/o Late B L Prabhakar, No.655/6, 7th Cross, Bandappa street Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022.
Amount due: Rs.5,89,17,129.68 (Rupees Five crore Eighty Nine Lakh Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Twenty Nine And Paise Sixty Eight Only) as on interest debited till **31.05.2025** + Future interest + Other expenses.

Description Of The Secured Assets: (1) Vacant land admeasuring 5802 Sft, situated at Plot Nos.14 ,15,16,17 and 18 in Sy No 146, Amanikandavara kere Village, Nandhi Hobli, Chickaballapur Taluk-562103, belonging to Mr G Balaraju S/o Mr B Gopalappa. **Plot Number 14 – 1305 Sq Ft and bounded by:** East : Site No 11 & 12, West : 20 Feet Road, North : Sundarraj"s Property, South : Site No 15. **Plot Number 15 – 1350 Sq Ft. and bounded by :** East : Site No.12 & 13, West : 20 Feet Road, North : Site No 14, South : 25 Feet Road. **Pot Number 16 – 1062 Sq. Ft and bounded by:** East : 20 Feet Road, West : Shed in Sy no 144, North : Sundarraj"s Land, South : Site No 17. **Plot Number 17 – 1065 Sq.Ft and bounded by:** East : 20 Feet Road, West : Shed in Sy No 144, North : Site No 16, South : Site No 18. **Plot Number 18 – 1020 Sq.Ft and bounded by:** East : 20 feet Road, West : Shed in Sy No 144, North : Site No 17, South : 20 Feet Road.
(2) Vacant land admeasuring 5504 Sq.Ft situated in Sy No 128/3, Khata No 1042/451, Old Khata No 617/4, Palanahalli, Kattigenahalli Dhakale, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore belonging to Mr G Balaraju S/o Mr B. Gopalappa and bounded by: North : 35 Feet Road in Sy No 128/3, South : Road & Thereafter Kogilu Village Boundary, East : Land in Sy No 128/3 Sold in favour of Smt Nirmala, West : Land in Sy No 128/3 Retained by the Vendor.
(3) Flat No.101 & 106 in 1st Floor , B-Block, "Connection point" Apartment, Khata No 792/1, 792/2,792/3,and 792/4, Civil Aviation Road, Konena Agrahara, Bangaluru. Undivided share of land is 501.50 sq.ft and the property belonging to Mr G Balaraju S/o Sri Gopalappa & built up area is 1760. **Plot No 101 - 840 Sq.Ft - UDS - 239.50 Sq.Ft and bounded by:** East : Front Porch, West : Passage, North : Property No 5/1, South : Passage. **Plot No 106 - 920 Sq.Ft - UDS - 262.00 Sq Ft. and Bounded by:** East : Front Porch, West : Passage, North : Property No 5/1, South : Passage.
(4) Residential land and Building (Stilt+Ground+2 Floors) situated at D No 655/6, Prabhakar Mansion, Muncipal No 3:1:7, PID No.3-66-3/1-7, 7th Cross Road, New PID No.037-W0179-2/1, Bandappa Road, Yeshwanthpura, Bangalore belonging to Mr Vikram Prabhakar S/o Late B L Prabhakar. Built up area : 9,500 Sq.Ft, Site Area : 1965 Sq.Ft and bounded by: East: 5 Feet Galli Road & B L Chandrashekar's Property, West: Sri Jayaramareddy & his Children;s Property (Presently Mr.Vikram & Mrs. Aishwarya"s Property), North : Common Passage and Road, South : Vallabharaya's House Property.

Reserve Price : Property No.1: Rs.47,00,000/-	**EMD : Property No.1: Rs.4,70,000/-**
Property No.2: Rs.1,59,00,000/-	**Property No.2: Rs.15,90,000/-**
Property No.3: Rs.1,13,00,000/-	**Property No.3: Rs.11,30,000/-**
Property No.4: Rs.2,76,00,000/-	**Property No.4: Rs.27,60,000/-**
Bid Multiplier : Rs.1,00,000/-	**Type of Possession : Symbolic Possession**

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor : NIL, However, the intending bidders should make their own independent enquiry regarding the encumbrances, any pending court cases against the property, title of the property put to auction and the claims / rights/ dues affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. Once the sale is confirmed, no request will be considered for cancellation of the sale/ refund of the sale price paid by H1 bidder, whatsoever.

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Name of the Contact Person & Contact No. Chief Manager - Mr. Cyril Monteiro Contact No. 9003223669
Senior Manager - Mr. G Suresh, Contact No. 9963166155.

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Date: 11.06.2025
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
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Human oversight key to safe use of AI in healthcare, say experts

From foetal dating and high-risk-pregnancy guidance to virtual autopsies and clinical chatbots, AI tools are matching expert accuracy; yet their promise comes entwined with the systemic challenges of automation bias and weak regulation, exacerbated by sensitivities of the sector itself

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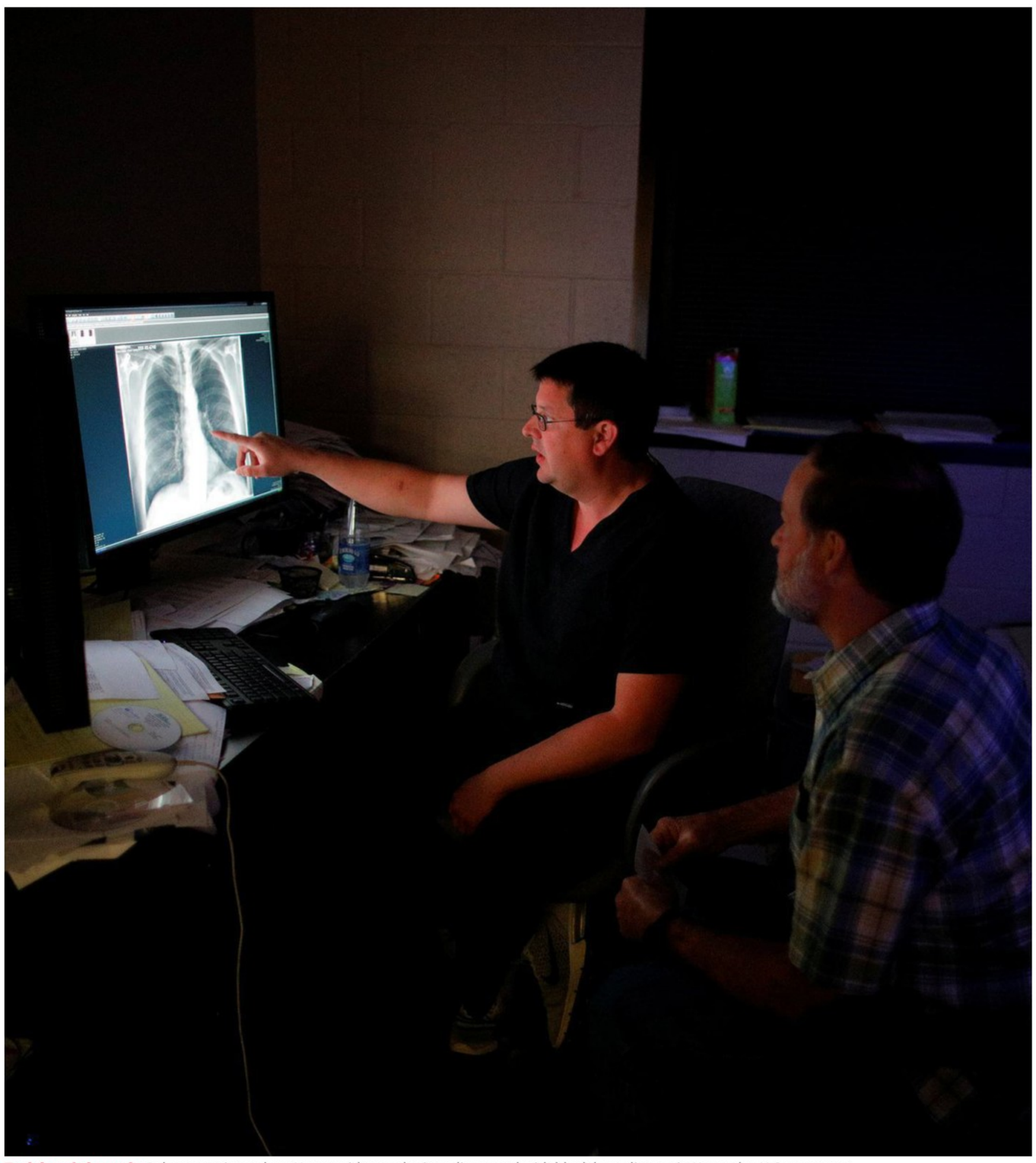

Tech breakthrough: A doctor reviews chest X-rays with a coal miner diagnosed with black lung disease in Kentucky, U.S. FILE PHOTO

Researchers at IIT-Madras and the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute in Faridabad are developing an artificially intelligent (AI) model to use ultrasonography pictures to predict the age of a growing foetus. Called Garbhini-GA2, the model was trained on scans from about 3,500 pregnant women who had visited the Gurugram Civil Hospital in Haryana. Each scan labelled different parts of the foetus, its size, and its weight – measures that can be used to predict a foetus's age.

After the training, team members tested it with (unlabelled) scans from 1,500 pregnant women who had visited the same hospital and around 1,000 pregnant women who had visited the Christian Medical College Vellore. They found Garbhini-GA2 erred on the age of the foetus by only half a day. This is a significant improvement over the most common method today: using Hadlock's formula. Because the formula is based on data from Caucasian populations, it has been known to miss the age of the foetus in India by up to seven days, according to the IIT-Madras team.

The team now plans to test its model in datasets from around India.

Promise with pitfalls

This is just a glimpse of how AI tools are quietly reshaping Indian healthcare. From foetal ultrasound dating and high-risk-pregnancy guidance to virtual autopsies and clinical chatbots, they are matching expert accuracy while accelerating workflows. Yet their promise comes entwined with the systemic challenges of data and automation bias, privacy, and weak regulation, often exacerbated by the sensitivities of the healthcare sector itself.

Almost half of all pregnancies in Indian women are high-risk pregnancies (HRPs), according to a 2023 study in the *Journal of Global Health*. In HRPs, there is a high chance of the mother and the newborn taking ill or dying. The conditions that cause these outcomes include severe anaemia, high blood pressure, pre-eclampsia, and hypothyroidism. The risks are higher for women with no formal education, those from rural areas, and those belonging to marginalised social groups.

Experts say routine monitoring is the best way to reduce maternal and perinatal mortality in HRPs. In rural areas, this task is often carried out by auxiliary nurse-midwives (ANMs), female health workers who are the first point of contact between a pregnant woman and the medical system. ANMs are trained by medical professionals to recognise HRPs and advise women on their options.

Mumbai-based NGO ARMMAN started such a training programme in 2021 in partnership with UNICEF and the Governments of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. It has been training healthcare professionals, including ANMs, in "end-to-end management of HRPs," ARMMAN's director of innovation Amrita Mahale said.

The NGO trains ANMs to track and manage HRPs through "classroom training and digital learning," Ms. Mahale said, adding that ANMs are also supported through a WhatsApp helpline "for doubt-solving and hand-holding as they go through the learning content and apply it to real-life high-risk pregnancy cases."

When in doubt, ANMs are encouraged to reach out to their trainers with queries. However, "the trainers themselves are overworked and do not always prioritise responding to ANM queries," Ms. Mahale said. So ARMMAN adopted an AI chatbot earlier this year. It recognises both text and voice-based queries from ANMs and responds in the same medium with clinically validated answers.

Medical professionals now "act as humans-in-the-loop who step in when the chatbot cannot answer a question, or if the ANM is not satisfied with the chatbot's response," Ms. Mahale said. Currently being tested with 100 ANMs, the chatbot has received "94% positive feedback" from its users, Mahale added. "A domain expert has rated 91% of the answers to date as accurate and satisfactory."

But she also flagged a problem: "The current lot of speech [recognition] models struggle with Indian languages, especially regional variations and accents."

This means that the chatbot might fail to understand about 5% of the queries that are shared as voice notes rather than as text.

Amar Jyoti Patowary heads the Department of Forensic Medicine at the North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences. He is one of India's few "virtual autopsy" experts.

Autopsies don't have a good public reputation. When Dr. Patowary and his team asked the relatives of 179 deceased people who had undergone an autopsy at the department, about 63% expressed fears of the body being mutilated and delays in conducting funeral rites. Similar issues have been reported from rural Haryana, too.

In a virtual autopsy, or virtopsy, a body is scanned with CT and MRI machines to generate detailed images of its internal structures. Then a computer creates a 3D image of the body. Physicians feed this image into convolutional neural networks (CNNs) – deep-learning models adept at extracting features from one set of images and using them to classify images in others.

In 2023, researchers from Tohoku University in Japan built a CNN that could distinguish individuals who had died of drowning from those who had died of other causes using chest CT scans. The model was 81% accurate "for cases in which resuscitation was performed and 92% for cases in which resuscitation was not attempted," the authors wrote in their paper. In 2024, Swiss scientists developed a CNN that could say whether a person had died of a cerebral haemorrhage based on postmortem CT images.

While conventional autopsies take about 2.5 hours to complete, a virtopsy can be finished in about half an hour, Mr. Patowary said.

In conventional autopsies, once the body has been dissected, a second dissection may be required if the first one has been inconclusive. This is harder. But virtopsies allow as many dissections as required since the scans can be used to reconstruct the body multiple times.

What virtopsies might miss, however, are "small injuries in the soft tissue" and changes in the colour of tissues and organs and how the body and its fluids smell, which might indicate how a person died, Mr. Patowary cautioned. Yet he also expressed confidence that by combining a virtopsy with a "verbal autopsy" – checking with an accompanying relative or police officer for clinically relevant details – and a visual examination of the body and its cavities, these challenges can be overcome.

In 2019 a digital healthcare company experimented with an AI bot that could chat with a patient and present them to a doctor. Nine of the 15 doctors who tested this said it was helpful

Privacy concerns

These cases indicate that the best use of AI might be as a healthcare professional's assistant. In 2019, MediBuddy, a digital healthcare company that provides online doctor consultations and other services, experimented with an AI bot that could chat with a patient, extract clinically relevant details from the conversation, and compile and present them to a doctor along with suggested diagnoses. Nine of the 15 doctors who tested this app said it was helpful while the rest remained "sceptical", said Krishna Chaitanya Chavati, MediBuddy's head of data science.

He flagged data privacy as a key concern. In India, digital personal information, including an individual's health information, is governed by the Information Technology Act 2000 and the Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023. Neither Act specifically mentions AI technologies although lawyers suggest the latter could apply to AI tools. Even then, the "DPDP Act lacks clarity on AI-driven decision-making and accountability," lawyers wrote in a May 2025 review.

To allay these concerns, Mr. Chavati said strong data security protocols are necessary. At MediBuddy, the team has deployed a few, two of which are a personal identifiable information masking engine and role-based access. A masking engine is a programme that identifies and hides all personal information from specific algorithms, preventing unauthorised users from tracing the data to a single individual. Role-based access ensures no one individual within the company is able to access all of an individual's data, only the parts relevant to their work.

Shivangi Rai, a lawyer who helped draft the National Public Health Bill and the Digital Information Security in Healthcare Bill, said "automation bias" is also another cause for concern. Ms. Rai is currently the deputy coordinator of the Centre for Health Equity, Law & Policy in Pune.

Automation bias is "the tendency to overly trust and follow the suggestions made by an automated system, even if the suggestions are incorrect," Ms. Rai said.

This happens when the "human in the loop", such as a doctor, banks too much on the judgement of an AI-powered app "rather than their own clinical judgement".

In 2023, researchers from Germany and Netherlands asked radiologists with different degrees of experience to evaluate mammograms (X-ray scan of breasts) and assign them a BI-RADS score. BI-RADS is a standardised metric radiologists use to report the malignancy of cancerous tissue observed in mammograms.

The radiologists were told that an AI model would also parse the mammogram and assign a BI-RADS score. In truth the researchers had no such model; they arbitrarily and secretly assigned a score to some mammograms.

The researchers found that when the 'AI model' reported an incorrect score, the radiologists' own accuracy fell drastically. Even those with more than a decade of experience reported the correct BI-RADS scores in only 45.5% of such cases.

The researchers reported being surprised that "even highly experienced radiologists were adversely impacted by the AI system's judgments," the study's lead author said in 2023.

For Ms. Rai, this study is evidence of a pressing need to train "doctors on the limits of AI" and to constantly test and reassess "AI tools being developed for and used in healthcare".

India's rapid adoption of medical AI has illuminated a path to cheaper, faster, more equitable care. But algorithms inherit human fallibility while also further obfuscating it. If technology is to augment and not supplant ethical medicine, medical AI will need robust data governance, clinician training, and enforceable accountability.

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Soaring heat: The UAE endured its hottest April on record this year. FILE PHOTO

In UAE, Indian expats longing for monsoon find rain

Agence France-Presse

After Muhammed Sajjad moved from India to the United Arab Emirates a decade ago, he missed his native Kerala's monsoon season, so he embarked on an unlikely quest: finding rain in the desert.

Using satellite imagery, weather data and other high-tech tools, the amateur meteorologist tracks potential rainfall spots across the desert country and, along with other Indians nostalgic for the monsoon season, chases the clouds in search of rain.

"When I came to UAE in 2015, in August, it ... was peak monsoon time" in Kerala, the 35-year-old estate agent said, adding that he had struggled to adjust to the change of climate.

"So I started to search about rainy conditions in the UAE and I came to know that there is rain happening during peak summer," he said. "I started to explore the possibility to chase the rain, enjoy the rain."

Each week, he forecasts when and where rain might fall and posts a suggested rendezvous to the 130,000 followers of his "UAE Weatherman" page on Instagram.

Despite the use of advanced cloud-seeding technology, the UAE has an average yearly rainfall of just 50 to 100 mm

He regularly posts footage of his rain expeditions out into the desert, hoping to bring together "all rain lovers who miss rain".

Last weekend, he headed out into the desert from Sharjah at the head of a convoy of about 100 vehicles.

Nothing is certain. The rain "may happen, it may not happen," Sajjad said. But when it does, "it is an amazing moment".

After driving in the desert for hours, the group arrived at the designated spot just as a downpour started. The rain lovers leapt out of their vehicles, their faces beaming as the rain droplets streamed down their cheeks in a rare reminder of home.

Most UAE residents are foreigners, among them some 3.5 million Indians who make up the Gulf country's largest expatriate community.

Despite the use of advanced cloud-seeding technology, the UAE has an average yearly rainfall of just 50 to 100 mm. Most of it falls during short but intense winter storms.

"While long-term averages remain low, the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events has been increasing and is due to global warming," said Diana Francis, a climate scientist who teaches at Khalifa University in Abu Dhabi.

In the summer, the country often gets less than 5 mm of rain, she said, usually falling away from the coastal areas where most of the population lives. So rain-seekers must drive deep into the desert interior to have a chance of success.

The UAE endured its hottest April on record this year. By contrast, April last year saw the UAE's heaviest rains in 75 years, which saw 259.5 mm of rainfall in a single day.

Four people died and the commercial hub of Dubai was paralysed for several days. Scientists of the World Weather Attribution network said the intense rains were "most likely" exacerbated by global warming.

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Allow Totapuri mangoes from State to A.P: CS writes to her counterpart

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Secretary of Karnataka Shalini Rajneesh has written to her counterpart in Andhra Pradesh requesting him to revoke the ban on entry of Totapuri mango from other States into that State.

With Kolar, the major mango growing district in Karnataka, sharing the border with Andhra Pradesh, mango farmers there are heavily reliant on the processing units in Chittoor.

The Andhra Pradesh government decided to impose this ban to support the Totapuri growers of the State as the production has been more than the capacity of the processing units. It has also declared a support price of ₹4 for a kg of totapuri mango.

Talking to *The Hindu*, Ms. Rajneesh said, "I wrote the letter following the protest of farmers in Kolar and the report of the Deputy Commissioner."

In her letter to K. Vijayanand, Chief Secretary, Andhra Pradesh, she said, "This abrupt and unilateral restriction has caused significant distress to mango farmers in Karnataka, particularly those in the border districts who cultivate large volumes of Totapuri mangoes and rely heavily on the Chittoor-based processing units for marketing their produce. Disruption of this long-established inter-State trade linkage poses immediate threats to their livelihoods and may result in substantial post-harvest losses."

Mango growers in Kolar district are heavily reliant on processing units in Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh.

She added, "Beyond the economic hardship to farmers, such a move undermines the spirit of cooperative federalism and risks triggering retaliatory sentiments. There is already apprehension that affected stakeholders in Karnataka may obstruct vegetable inflows from Andhra Pradesh, escalating into unnecessary inter-State tensions, something we must all strive to avoid."

Dip in quality, quantity

However, mango farmers from Kolar district said that with the highly reduced quality and quantity of the mango yield this year, taking it to the processing centres does not make much difference.

"We are selling Totapuri at ₹4 a kg (₹4,000 a tonne) while we incur a cost of ₹10-₹12 a kg to grow it. Even if we are allowed to take it to Andhra Pradesh, we will not get any better price," said Neelaturu Chinnappa Reddy, president of the Kolar District Mango Growers' Association.

Farmers of Kolar, especially Srinivasapur taluk, have been demanding a mango processing unit there for many years.

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THURSDAY, JUN. 12	
RISE 05:53	SET 18:46
RISE 19:53	SET 06:25
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RISE 05:53	SET 18:46
RISE 20:45	SET 07:21
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RISE 05:54	SET 18:46
RISE 21:34	SET 08:17

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	32	25
Mysuru	31	20
Bengaluru	30	22

Bengaluru Today
31°C The weather will be slight warm. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate to heavy rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Justice John Michael Cunha Commission of Inquiry

Commission to inquire Chinnaswamy Stadium stampede

PUBLIC NOTICE

By Notification dated 05/06/2025, bearing No.HD 220 PCE 2025, the Government of Karnataka has constituted a One-member Commission to inquire into the lapses in the safety and security, the cause for stampede and to identify the persons responsible for the events and the circumstances that led to the death of 11 persons and injuries to more than 50 persons at Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru, during the celebrations over the IPL victory of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) on the 4th June 2025 and to suggest measures to avert recurrence of such incidences in future.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that all persons having knowledge of the facts and circumstances relating to the subject inquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Inquiry Commission, or who wish to assist the Inquiry Commissioner, may submit their statements along with documentary evidence if any in two(2) copies each duly supported by affidavit to the address given below **within fifteen (15) days from date of publication** of this notice either in person or through registered post or courier service.

The scanned signed statement of facts and supporting documents and affidavit be sent to the email id:
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Address: Justice John Michael Cunha Commission of Inquiry, Commission to inquire Chinnaswamy Stadium stampede, Room No.12, 1st Floor, Old Building, Kumara Krupa Guest House, Bengaluru-560001.

Sd/- Inquiry Commissioner
Justice John Michael Cunha
Former Judge, High Court of Karnataka

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 09.06.2025

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Number of persons affected by diarrhoea outbreak in Jajpur

250 The death toll in the diarrhoea outbreak in Odisha's Jajpur district rose to two, with officials confirming the death of another person. Official reports said the disease was first reported from the Dharmasala area. Out of the affected persons, 40-50 have recovered. PTI

Number of IPs linked to cybercrimes taken down in Singapore

1,000 Singapore has taken down more than a thousand internet protocols (or IPs) believed to be linked to cybercrimes. Officers from the Cybercrime Command worked with the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore to take them down. PTI

Number of fighter jets to be exported by Turkey to Indonesia

48 Turkey's defence sector, including the famous Bayraktar drones, accounts for a significant share of the country's export revenues. The contract, valued at $10 billion, includes the production and delivery of the Kaan fighter jets to Indonesia over a 10-year period. AFP

Uttarakhand villages to be revitalised under Vibrant Village 2.0

40 These villages are located in six development blocks spread over three districts of Uttarakhand including Champavat, Pithoragarh and Udham Singh Nagar, Additional Secretary and Nodal Officer for the Vibrant Village programme in the State, Anuradha Pal said. PTI

The increase in Sri Lanka's power tariff ahead of IMF visit

15 In per cent. Sri Lankan authorities on Wednesday approved a 15% increase in electricity tariffs, effective from Thursday, aiming to address the financial challenges faced by the state-run Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB). PTI

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A different approach to the caste census

What have the Bihar caste survey and Telangana's 2025 caste survey revealed? How is a social management approach different from top-down welfare models? Would a caste census deepen social divide and undermine national unity? What about democratic accountability?

EXPLAINER

Sony Kunjappan
Amal Chandra

The story so far:
The Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Modi, has decided to conduct caste enumeration in the upcoming Census. As per Article 246 of the Constitution, the Census is a Union subject listed in the 7th schedule. The caste census must be viewed beyond binaries of "for or against" to envision a more transformative idea – as a foundational tool for what might be called a social management approach to governance.

What were the findings from State-level caste censuses?
The Bihar caste survey (2023) found that Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) together make up over 63% of the population, with EBCs alone at 36.01%. Scheduled Castes (SC) account for 19.65%, and Scheduled Tribes (SC) for 1.68%. The general category comprises only 15.52%. Additionally, over 34% of Bihar's families live on less than ₹200 per day, with nearly 44% of SC households below that line.

In Telangana's 2025 survey, Backward Classes (BCs) constituted 56.33% of the population, with BC Muslims forming a substantial 10.08%. These numbers reveal a stark reality: India's marginalised communities form the majority but are significantly underrepresented in education, employment, and governance.

Data shared by the Union Minister of State for Education in Parliament reveals that only 4% of professors and 6% of associate professors in 45 Central Universities are OBCs, while 85% are from the general category. This imbalance exists despite the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Act, 2019.

Yet, the policy response is hindered by the absence of reliable data. India hasn't conducted a full caste census since 1931. The 2011 Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) was marred by data inconsistencies and its findings were withheld. Without up-to-date caste data, affirmative action and development policies remain speculative.

Important numbers: An enumerator collects information for the caste census in Bihar in 2023. PTI

What is a social management approach?
Top-down welfare models in India have failed to adequately address layered inequities of caste, gender, and class. A social management approach does the opposite: it starts with data, targets need-based interventions, and treats caste as a developmental variable rather than a stigma. If we know who needs what, and how need is shaped by historical disadvantage, we can design policies with greater equity and efficiency. Caste data becomes a lens to understand inequity structurally, rather than as isolated cases. Tamil Nadu offers a model, using data from the Backward Classes Commission to adjust policies on reservations, scholarships, and governance. Karnataka's caste survey is being used to recalibrate reservation policies in education and jobs.

A national caste census would enable such models at scale. It could inform disaggregated budgeting, where funds are allocated, not just based on geography or income but on caste-based gaps in healthcare, infrastructure, and education. It could enable diversity audits in institutions, showing who occupies power and who doesn't.

It could also track how schemes like PM Awas Yojana or Skill India are reaching caste groups, ensuring that the most marginalised aren't left out.

Are there global precedents?
Critics argue that a caste census deepens social divides and undermines national unity. However, the reality is that caste endures not because it is counted, but because it shapes how opportunity, and wealth are distributed. Ignoring caste does not erase it. It merely obscures structural inequality behind ignorance. A caste census does not create casteism; it reveals it. Other democracies don't shy away from identity-based data. The U.S. collects race and ethnicity data every 10 years and uses it for civil rights enforcement. South Africa and Brazil do the same by tracking race and language categories. If these nations can use such data to address inequity, so must India, home to the most enduring and hierarchical caste system in the world.

What about transparency?
The value of a caste census extends beyond policymaking. It is also a vital instrument of democratic accountability. Disaggregated data enables civil society, the media, and citizens to know whether public resources are being equitably shared. A publicly accessible caste census would empower citizens to demand transparency. It could expose intra-caste inequalities and where welfare benefits are monopolised by elite sub-groups, leaving the truly disadvantaged behind.

Ultimately, the caste census is not about counting caste. It is about recognising injustice and correcting it. Thus, a caste census rooted in social management would be linked to a wider agenda of social emancipation. This includes constitutional literacy, land rights, housing, labour protections, and justice for Dalit, Bahujan, and Adivasi women who face intersectional exploitation. A caste census done right could offer India a data-driven democratic transformation.

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THE GIST

- A social management approach starts with data, targets need-based interventions, and treats caste as a developmental variable rather than a stigma.
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Why was Malta's 'golden passports' scheme scrapped?

Does the 'citizenship by investment' scheme commodify EU citizenship?

Garimella Subramaniam

The story so far:
In late April, the European Court of Justice (ECJ) struck down Malta's 'golden passports' scheme – a 2020 scheme which authorises the naturalisation of foreigners in the country, and consequently the European Union, in return for hefty financial investments in the country. Brussels had launched infringement proceedings against Malta, as it persisted with its own scheme, blocking access only to Russians and Belarusians consequent to Russia's war against Ukraine.

What are CBIs and RBIs?
Citizenship by investment (CBI), known as golden passports, and residency by investment (RBI), or golden visas, enable third country nationals to live and work in host countries in exchange for financial investments. The European Parliament and the Commission have called for both forms of mobility to be abolished in view of the inherent risks to security, such as money laundering, organised crime, tax evasion and corruption. Between 2013 and 2019, about 1,32,000 persons had obtained entry into the EU through CBI and RBI schemes, generating financial inflows of over €20 billion, as per a 2022 European Parliament Research Service report. The risks from CBI and RBI have been highlighted by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Financial Action Task Force. Principal among the beneficiaries of such migration are nationals from China, Russia and West Asia.

Why is the EU against the scheme?
Within the 27-member bloc, the acquisition or loss of nationality falls within the exclusive jurisdiction of each country. That said, the historic 1992 Maastricht Treaty inaugurated common EU citizenship. That is to say, nationals of an EU state are simultaneously common EU citizens. Therefore, the matter of the grant or rejection of nationality must accord with EU law.

The European Commission contended that the attractiveness of Malta's CBI scheme did not lie in the acquisition of Maltese nationality per se, but instead in the rights that accrue from the complementary EU citizenship. The implicit assumption here being the unique appeal of the absence of internal frontiers, the right to free movement and work across the bloc, the right to vote and to be elected in local as well as European parliament elections. The Commission President Ursula von der Leyen made a pointed reference to golden passports in the 2020 State of the Union address, declaring that "European values are not for sale." Brussels further argued that the grant of nationality in return for investments – a commodification of citizenship – was incompatible with the principles of membership of the bloc. These are sincere cooperation, fairness and non-discrimination – codified in Article 4(3) of the 1992 Maastricht Treaty and under Article 20 of the 2009 Treaty on the Functioning of the EU.

What did the ECJ verdict state?
Upholding the Commission's claims, the court reasoned that the pillars of European citizenship are dependent on mutual trust among member states and mutual respect for national decisions. The bond of nationality of a given state is underpinned by a "relationship of solidarity, good faith and the reciprocity of rights and duties between the state and citizens," the court added. These principles are infringed upon once citizenship is sought to be granted as a commercial transaction in exchange for an investment. The 2020 Maltese scheme is tantamount to the commercialisation of the grant of nationality of a particular state, and by extension, of the entire bloc. This is incompatible with EU treaties.

What next?
In theory, Malta could exercise its authority to confer nationality to those who availed the CBI scheme, minus union citizenship. This would risk diminishing its appeal as a destination state.

The writer is Director, Strategic Initiatives, AgnoShin Technologies.

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Conmen posing as Lokayukta sleuths blackmail govt. officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Vidhana Soudha police are on the lookout for conmen who were posing as senior officials of the Lokayukta and allegedly blackmailing Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials with fake cases.

Based on the complaint of Srikanth S., police inspector, Lokayukta, the Vidhana Soudha police registered an FIR charging the unknown accused under impersonation, extortion and cheating by impersonation under BNS on Monday.

The cheating came to light when the official approached the Lokayukta office for clarification and shared the mobile numbers used by the accused to call her. Further probe revealed that the accused had even called a retired executive engineer with the same claim and made an attempt to extort money.

The accused are not only misusing the names of the officials but also tarnishing the image of the institution, the complainant stated.

Sudha Murty presented Justice K.S. Hegde Charitable Foundation Award

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Author, philanthropist, and Member of Rajya Sabha, Sudha Murty was on Wednesday conferred with the Justice K.S. Hegde Charitable Foundation Award 2025 for her contributions to literature and social service.

N. Vinaya Hegde, president, Nitte Education Trust and Chancellor, Nitte (Deemed to be University), praised Ms. Murty's commitment to rural development, drawing inspiration from K.S. Hegde's legacy. N. Santosh Hegde, former Supreme Court judge and Karnataka Lokayukta, lauded Ms. Murty's work in empowering women and youth.

In her acceptance speech, Ms. Murty highlighted the impermanence of material wealth, stressing the enduring impact of social contributions.

Sudha Murty being felicitated in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

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3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru

Tender Notification

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned works.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Work Indent & IFT No
1	Annual layout maintenance Suryanagar Phase-3 Block-1, 4 & 5 at Anekal Tq. Bengaluru for the year 2025-26.	KHB/2025-06/OW/WORK_ INDENT 605 & IFT No. 56/2025-26 Date: 05.06.2025

Amont put to tender in Rs. 1,65,85,558/-
Last date for submission of bid **19.06.2025 upto 4.00 PM**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board,
Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru
Telephone No.: **080-22273511/ 080-22100077 web site: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/VCPL/1172/2025-26 Sd/-**Executive Engineer,** Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru.

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi, Pin Code.585 102.
Phone No: 08472 256881 E-mail: gescomdsm@gmail.com

No.GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(Proj)/EEE(DSM)/AEE(DSM)/AE/(DSM)/2025-26/16199-236
Date: 10-06-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited, Kalaburagi invites tender on behalf of RDPR Department for the work of Selection of Solar Power Generator (SPG) on the basis of Build Own & Operate (BOO) for Design, Survey, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Operation, Repair & Maintenance of grid connected 6.5 MWp (AC) / 9.6 MWp (DC) solar power plant in Chittapur town Chittapur taluk, Kalaburagi district and its associated 11kV line to connect the plant with 110/33/11KV Chittapur SS and Remote Monitoring System (RMS) of solar power plants under group captive mode through PPP model to meet the energy demand for water supply and street light installations in Chittapur constituency.
1) Place: **Chittapur,** 2) Approx. Proposed Solar Capacity in (MW): **9.6MWp DC/ 6.5MWp AC,** 3) Tender Enquiry No.: **GESCOM/CEE(O)/ SEE(Proj)/EE DSM/ Micro Grid-Chittapur/SPG/497/2025-26.**
The bid documents will be available in **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **13.06.2025,** the prospective bidders can obtain further details from the office of the DSM cell corporate office GESCOM kalaburagi.

Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy., (Operations), Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/196/KSMC&A/2025-26

Government of Tamil Nadu
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
HIGHWAYS, (Construction & Maintenance) CIRCLE, TIRUPUR.

TENDER NOTICE
T.N. No. 01 / 2025-26 / HDO / Dated.11.06.2025.

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Two Cover System of Percentage tender through online only** is invited **upto 22.07.2025 till 11.00 A.M** by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirupur Circle for **"Formation of Link road from Km 2/700 of Palladam - Cochin- Frontier Road (SH 163) to km 2/2 of Palladam-Dharapuram Road (SH 174 A) (Including LA)"** under the scheme of CRIDP 2024-25 - Pertaining to Tirupur (H), C&M Division.

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **17.06.2025** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H), C&M Circle, Tirupur.

DIPR/2957/TENDER/2025

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP Head Office, Ground Floor, Annex-3 building, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560 002.

No.:DCF/TENDER/PR/05/2025-26 Date:11.06.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (CALL-03)
(Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP invites tenders from eligible contractors for the following works detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Tree Census in BBMP limit Area of Interest-3. 98.63 SqKm, 2,60,000 Trees. Value of work: **Rs. 46,80,000/-** EMD: **Rs. 93,600/-**
2.	Tree Census in BBMP limit Area of Interest-4. 104.37 SqKm, 2,60,000 Trees. Value of work: **Rs. 46,80,000/-** EMD: **Rs. 93,600/-**
3.	Tree Census in BBMP limit Area of Interest-6. 84.65 SqKm, 2,60,000 Trees. Value of work: **Rs. 46,80,000/-** EMD: **Rs. 93,600/-**

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK KPP portal from **12.06.2025 onwards. 2)** Last date & Time for uploading online queries in e-proc: **17.06.2025 upo 05:00 pm. 3)** Pre-bid Meeting: **17.06.2025 at 04.30 p.m. 4)** Last date for submission of tenders: **21.06.2025 upto 4.00 p.m. 5)** Opening of Tender: **23.06.2025 at 5.00 p.m.** Further details can be accessed from GoK KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-
Deputy Conservator of Forests. BBMP.

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Through KPP Portal Only)

BWSSB invites tenders from eligible contractors for the following works.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender / EMD (in Rs.)	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & time for Opening of Tender
Office of the Chief Engineer (West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.					
1	North West-1	BWSSB/EE(NW-1)/PB/ 295/2025-26 Date: 10.06.2025	Rs. 16,04,862/- / Rs. 40,200/-	25.06.2025 upto 5:00 p.m.	26.06.2025 after 5:15 p.m.
					Sd/- Executive Engineer (North West-1).
Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.					
2	South-2	BWSSB/EE(S2)/PB/ 210/2025-26 Date: 06.06.2025	Rs. 14,06,500/- / Rs. 35,200/-	23.06.2025 upto 4:00 p.m.	25.06.2025 after 4:30 p.m.
					Sd/- Executive Engineer (South-2).

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

The following tender is published on the Electronic Procurement Platform (KPPP) for the development of tourism by the Karnataka Tourism Department. Schedule and tender documents related to tenders will be available on e-procurement platform **(https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**

Sl. No	Work Name	Indent No	Event Date Description
1.	Development of Public amenities Shri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple Mysuru Karnataka under PRASAD Scheme of Ministry of Tourism (GoK).	DT/2025-26/BD/ WORK_INDENT6/ CALL-2	As per the KPPP Portal

Tender details are available on e-procurement platform **(https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** for download from **10.06.2025**. EMD amount and tender processing fee should be paid electronically at **(https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**. Interested organizations are required to register on the e-procurement platform to participate in the said tender.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer and
Tender Inviting Authority, Department of Tourism

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ENGINEERING WING
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No: HFWD/EW/CE/TA-3/AE-1&8/TND/2025-26/856 Date: 10.06.2025

Tender Notification

The Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites Tender for Appointment of Consultants for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings** in Two Tender document system in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform for the following works under the Head of Account :KMERC Funds

Sl. No.	Description of work	Approx.Service Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Consultancy Services for Preparation of DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings for the work of Construction of a 300-bedded District hospital by demolishing 78-year-old Hospital building at Tumkur.	65.00	1.30
2	Consultancy Services for Preparation of DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings for the works of (1) Construction of civil works, Human Resources for Strengthening of existing District Hospital, Ballari (HR for 2 years) (2) Strengthening of existing District Hospital, Ballari and Upgradation of District Hospital from 300 to 400 Bedded Hospital with necessary Equipment and human resources as per IPHS standards for 2 years.	39.38	0.79
3	Consultancy Services for Preparation of DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings for the work Construction of New 250-Bedded Taluka General Hospital at Sandur Taluk Including HR For 03 Yrs (Yearly 5% Enhancement) at Dharmapura Village, Sandur Tq, Ballari Dist.	46.85	0.94
4	Consultancy Services for Preparation of DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings for the works of Construction of New PHC building at Doddaguni (with equipment) and Bidare villages, Construction of New Sub Center building at Kondli village of Gubbi Taluk, Renovation of Taluk General Hospital, Gubbi with equipment and provision of Supernumerary Medical Officer.	12.58	0.32
5	Consultancy Services for Preparation of DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings for the works of Construction of New PHC building at Theerthapura village of Chikkanayakahalli taluk for already sanctioned PHC, Construction of New Sub Center building at Somanahalli, Theerthapura (Theerthahalli) and Chikkabidare villages, Renovation of Taluk General Hospital, Chikkanayakahalli and provision of Supernumerary Medical Officer.	10.80	0.27

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **25.06.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **26.06.2025 at 16.01 hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform to participate in this tender.

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Sd/- Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT,
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APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL MEMBER FOR TAMILNADU LOKAYUKTA

The Government of Tamil Nadu, vide G.O. (D) No.65, Human Resources Management (N-1) Department, dated 05.06.2025, has constituted a Search Committee under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice K.MohanRam (Retd.), Thiru K.Deenabanthu, I.A.S. (Retd.) and Dr.K.Radhakrishnan, I.P.S. (Retd.) as Members, for the purpose of submitting the names for consideration for the post of one Judicial Member of the Tamil Nadu Lokayukta.

The Search Committee invites applications as per section 3(3)(a) of Tamil Nadu Lokayukta Act, 2018 for the post of one Judicial Member from interested persons, who is or has been a Judge of the High Court or a person with twenty-five years experience in State Judiciary with impeccable record. The qualification, disqualification, term of office and other criteria may be ascertained from Tamil Nadu Lokayukta Act, 2018 and the Rules thereunder available in the following links;

Act "https://www.tn.gov.in/act_ordinances.php"

Rules "https://www.tn.gov.in/rulesviewer.php?dep_id=MjI="

Qualified and interested persons, may send their application by soft copy by e-mail in PDF format **(n.o.searchcommitteetnla@gmail.com)** and hard copy by Speed Post or Registered Post only so as to reach the Nodal Officer to the address given below, on or before **5.00 p.m., Friday, 11th July, 2025.** Applications shall be in the prescribed form which can be downloaded from the link **"https://www.tn.gov.in/job_opportunity.php".**

Application received after the closing time and date shall not be entertained.

The applications already sent, if any, either to the Chairperson of the Search Committee or to any other authority before publication of this news item shall not be considered as a valid application. The applications received on or after the publication made in the newspaper alone will be considered.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
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NOTICE No : 07 / 2025

e-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous scrap, Non-Ferrous scrap, other Misc scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches & Locos, Scrap Rails and other Permanent Way scrap material.

Sl No	e-Auction conducted by	Date of auction for the month of for July'25			Material for auction
1	GSD/PER	08/07/25	18/07/25	29/07/25	The details of item to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue in www.ireps.gov.in Website
2	CSSD/GOC	11/04/25	21/07/25	30/07/25	
3	SSD/PTJ	03/07/25	15/07/25	23/07/25	
4	MAS Division	02/07/25	14/07/25	25/07/25	
5	SA Division	03/07/25	15/07/25	23/07/25	
6	TVC Division	04/07/25	16/07/25	28/07/25	
7	PGT Division	07/07/25	17/07/25	29/07/25	
8	TPJ Division	04/07/25	16/07/25	28/07/25	
9	MDU Division	02/07/25	14/07/25	25/07/25	

Total no. of auction for July'25-27 nos

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Why C. Sankaran Nair's legacy cannot be compartmentalised

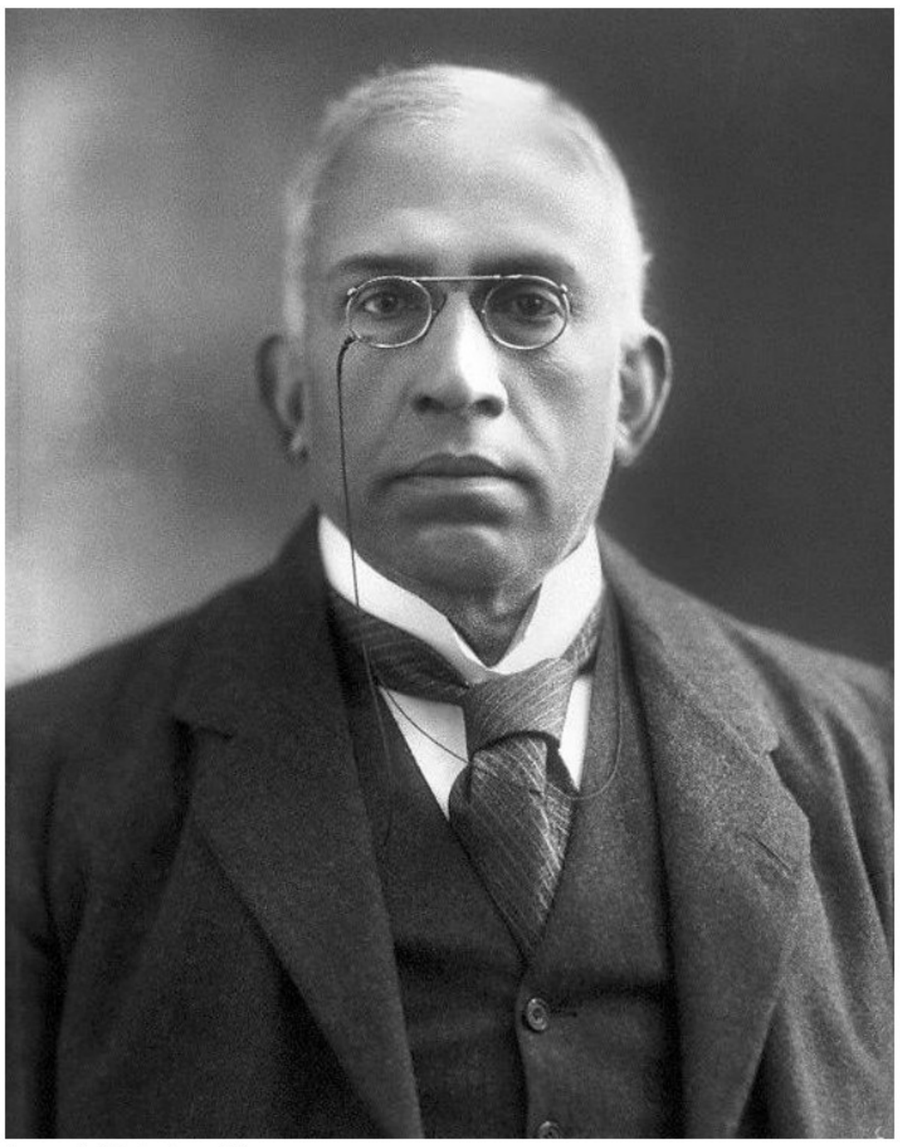
The political appropriation of Sir C. Sankaran Nair's legacy by both the BJP and the Congress is deeply problematic, given his complex historical positioning

Faisal C.K.

Recruiting historical figures – particularly stalwarts of the Indian National Movement – into contemporary political narratives has become a recurring strategy employed by Indian politicians. After deftly appropriating icons like Sardar Patel, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the BJP has recently "discovered" a long-forgotten hero of the freedom struggle: Sir C. Sankaran Nair, the only stalwart from Kerala to have presided over the Indian National Congress. Not to be outdone, the Congress has scrambled to reclaim its former president – a man it had buried in to oblivion for nearly a century. The recent film *Kesari Chapter 2: The Untold Story of Jallianwala Bagh*, which portrays Sir C. Sankaran Nair as an unsung hero, has now brought him into the limelight.

The political appropriation of Sir C. Sankaran Nair's legacy by both the BJP and the Congress is deeply problematic, given his complex historical positioning. The BJP highlights Nair's criticism of Mahatma Gandhi, particularly in his later work *Gandhi and Anarchy* (1922), where he questioned Gandhi's non-cooperation movement. By portraying Nair as a "forgotten nationalist" sidelined by the Congress due to his opposition to Gandhi, the BJP reinforces its broader narrative of the Congress "erasing" leaders who dissented from the Gandhi-Nehru line. However, reducing Nair's legacy to mere anti-Gandhism is a disservice to his multifaceted contributions. On the other hand, the Congress appears clueless in deciphering Nair's colossal personality, having ignored him for decades.

The *Autobiography of Sir C. Sankaran Nair*, published by his daughter Lady Madhavan Nair in 1966, is a treasure trove for enthusiasts of modern Indian history. His prelude aptly underlines the historical significance of his memoirs, "Reminiscences are sometimes regarded as the harmless hobbies of the advanced age [...] I believe that interest in these reminiscences is not merely personal but historical. To be an octogenarian in a land where this species has become a rarity and to have spent over half a century in front ranks of public life forms perhaps a sufficient excuse for recapturing one's memories [...] This has become all the more necessary on account of the publications of such books as the late Mr Montague's *An Indian Diary* and Sir Michael' O Dwyer's *India as I Knew It* which contain jaundiced versions of incidents of which I was once spectator and actor".



A portrait of C. Sankaran Nair. NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY LONDON

A liberal humanist

Sir C. Sankaran Nair was a cosmopolitan thinker who loathed parochialism and ethnic nationalism. A lifelong member of London's National Liberal Club, he was a staunch advocate of universal liberty and equality. Even during his college days, he boldly challenged British racial supremacy. Once, when Justice Holloway, an English judge, asserted that the English were the only people never conquered, young Sankaran Nair refuted him by citing French historian Adolphe Thiers, who noted that the Normans – descendants of a French duchy – had conquered and enslaved the English. Holloway retorted that Normans and Saxons were of the same stock. "By that logic," Sankaran Nair shot back, "we are all descended from Adam, rendering your argument meaningless!" This exchange epitomised his unwavering commitment to humanist ideals – principles that today's politicians, eager to exhume Nair for political gain, would likely find indigestible.

Despite his differences with Gandhi, Sir C. Sankaran Nair shared some common ground with him. Both admired India's autonomous village republics; as a member of the Madras Legislative Council, Nair opposed the Village Cess Bill, fearing it would erode the traditional village system. He expressed hope that a future nationalist government would revive these republics. And similarly, like Gandhi, he was a passionate social reformer and eventually became president of the social reform movement. For Nair, political independence was not an end in itself but a means to achieve social regeneration. He made unsuccessful attempts to reform the matrilineal system among Kerala's Nairs and actively fought against caste oppression and gender disparities in Hindu law.

Despite his disagreements with Gandhi, Nair acknowledged his global stature, remarking, "Thanks to him, India has become a world problem." However, in *Gandhi and Anarchy*, Nair sharply criticised the contradiction between Gandhi's doctrine of Ahimsa and his support for the caste system, which, according to Nair, helped align the reactionary elements of Hindu society with Gandhi's movement: "The caste system is entirely opposed to the 'Ahimsa' (Non-injury) principle. The former has dedicated one of the main castes to death. Its function is to kill and be killed."

Stalwart of secularism

Nair was neither a social conservative nor a status quoist. In his presidential address at the Amaravati Congress, he articulated his vision for a secular India: "To break down the isolation of the Hindu religion, to remove the barriers preventing free social intercourse, to extend education to the lower classes, and to elevate women to equality with men, we require a strictly secular government in thorough sympathy with liberal thought and progress." He initially opposed sectarian universities like the Banaras Hindu University, fearing they would foster communal strife. Mixing religion with politics repelled him, and extreme nationalism was anathema to his principles. Nair firmly believed in constitutional methods and rejected political fanaticism. This conviction led him to oppose Gandhi's non-cooperation movement as well as the Khilafat agitation. As Gandhi's influence grew, Nair receded from active politics, accepting his role with stoicism.

In 1911, he wrote in *The Contemporary Review* (London): "English law recognises the equality of all human beings, while Hindu law, rooted in caste immutability, divides society into rigid compartments. English law is individualistic; Indian law is communalistic. Under English law, England progressed astonishingly; Hindu law perpetuated a stagnant society, hastening its enslavement." Nair admired Buddha and Christ, and even published an article on the Biblical sisters, Mary and Martha of Bethany, contrasting the West's action-oriented ethos (epitomised by Martha) with the East's contemplative tradition (symbolised by Mary). As the Viceroy's council member in charge of education, he advocated English as the medium of higher education, believing it essential for India's political progress, social reform, and women's emancipation. It is doubtful whether the BJP, with its conservative social outlook, can genuinely embrace Nair's liberal secularism.

Protector of free speech

Nair was a fearless practitioner of free speech. As the third Indian appointed to the Viceroy's Executive Council, he oversaw education, health, and land. During World War I, as the member in charge of ecclesiastical affairs, he was presented with a draft prayer for churches, seeking Allied victory. Nair refused, stating: "Christ does not take sides in war. 'He who lives by the sword shall perish by the sword'– that is His teaching." His defiance cost him the ecclesiastical portfolio, but he never compromised his principles for political expediency.

Even the Viceroy felt the sting of his candour. After resigning from the Viceroy's Council in protest against the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, Nair had a final interview with Viceroy Chelmsford, who asked if he had a successor to recommend. "Yes," Nair replied, pointing to his peon. "What?" exclaimed the shocked Viceroy. "Why not? He is tall, handsome, wears his livery well, and will agree to everything you say. An ideal council member!" This fearless wit contrasts sharply with today's political climate, where the BJP nurtures an ecosystem of "repressive tolerance"– mirroring the Congress's authoritarianism during the Emergency.

A thorough pragmatist

K.P.S. Menon, Independent India's first Foreign Secretary and Nair's son-in-law, wrote in *Builders of Modern India: C. Sankaran Nair* (1967), "Once, I remarked to Nair: "Your time in the Viceroy's Council must have been the most fruitful period of your life." "Fruitful?" he exclaimed. "It was hellish... hellish." After a pause, he added: "Still, perhaps it was fruitful. I would have no regrets if I advanced Indian unity as I did Indian freedom." Nair's tenure – hellish for him but fruitful for India – cements his place among the nation's builders. Unlike many of today's politicians, whose careers are fruitful for themselves but hellish for the nation, Nair embodied selfless service.

He was a political realist. As Menon noted, "The vision of 'Mother India,' with its emotional overtones, held no appeal for Sankaran Nair. He never romanticised a golden past, nor did he see India as a mystic entity, as Jawaharlal Nehru sometimes did. To him, India was a land of millions – ignorant, illiterate, half-starved, superstitious, and shackled by caste."

Tragically, India's reality remains as deplorable today as in Nair's time. If politicians genuinely care for the masses, they should learn from Nair's selflessness and integrity rather than exploit him for propaganda fodder. Sir C. Sankaran Nair was a visionary liberal, a secularist, and a fearless advocate of justice – qualities scarce in today's political landscape. Reducing him to a partisan mascot insults his legacy.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

"Did you go to Gopa's house to study?"

"No. Because of the bus strike, I was incapable of going."

"You mean you were 'unable' to go. Not 'incapable' of going."

"'Incapable', 'unable', what difference does it make? The fact is...."

"....it makes a big difference. There is a big difference between 'He was unable to walk' and 'He was incapable of walking'."

"There is? They sound the same to me. In both cases, the person doesn't have the ability to walk."

"True. But when you say, 'he was unable to walk', it means that he didn't have the ability to walk temporarily. Maybe, he was so tired that he couldn't take another step."

"I see. So can I say, because I was in the bathroom, I was unable to answer the telephone?"

"You can. Here's another example. I was in Mumbai only for a day. I was unable to meet my cousin."

"I was feeling ill yesterday. I was unable to do my homework."

"You always have some excuse for not doing your homework."

"Hey, I always do my homework. Let's not get into an argument, o.k? Now tell me what 'incapable' means?"

"When you say somebody is 'incapable' of doing something, it means that he/she doesn't have the ability to do it. It is a permanent condition. For example, after the operation the doctors told Rajesh that he would be incapable of walking."

"Does that mean that he would not be able to walk the rest of his life?"

"Yes, that's right."

"Can I say I am incapable to get a...."

"...'incapable' is always followed by 'of' and not 'to'. You're incapable of getting a hundred in a physics exam."

"That's true. I think that's something that I have to accept. I am incapable of doing well in science."

"Your father would hit the roof if he heard you saying that!"

"Hit the roof? Hit the roof with what?"

" 'Hit the roof' is an expression which means 'to get very angry'. For example, when Surabhi caught one of the children stealing her roses, she hit the roof."

"When I told my father that I had failed in Physics, he hit the roof."

"That's a good example. You can also use the word 'ceiling' instead of roof. For example, the Minister hit the ceiling when he was informed that he had lost in the elections."

"I hit the ceiling when my sister told me that she had lent some of my cassettes to her friends."

"I don't like lending my cassettes to other people either. By the way, cassette is pronounced caSETTE and not CAsette."

"You mean the stress is on the second syllable?"

"Yes, that's right. The 'a' in the first syllable sounds like the 'a' in 'China' and 'about'. And the second syllable sounds like the word 'set'."

"I didn't know that. You learn something new every day."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The Women's Prize for Fiction, previously called the Orange Prize for Fiction, will be announced today. The prize also celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. A quiz on the prize

Radhika Santhanam

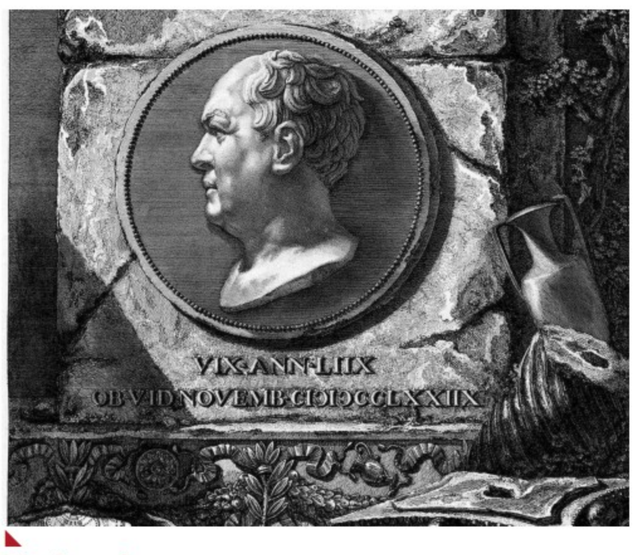
QUESTION 1
In 2014, the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction launched the #ThisBook campaign to find out which books written by women have had the biggest impact on readers. X is one of the books listed. The protagonist of X has the surname of a bird. X was also adapted into a film that won the Academy Award. Name X, which is considered a classic.

QUESTION 2
This influential writer, who has won the Women's Prize for Fiction, published her latest book this year. A TED talk by her on feminism became a worldwide conversation and was published as a book. An essay she wrote about losing her father was also published as a book. Name her.

QUESTION 3
This novel re-imagines Sophocles' play *Antigone*. Name the book, written by a Pakistani-British novelist.

QUESTION 4
Not too long ago, a book by a U.S. writer was longlisted for the Prize. An anonymous letter addressed to the Prize argued for the book's elimination from the contest. What issue did the letter-writers have with the novelist?

QUESTION 5
Grizel Niven is a British sculptor. What is the name of the sculpture she created that is presented to the award winners every year?



Visual question:
This bust motif is of an Italian archaeologist and architect. His name is also the name of a fantasy fiction novel that won the Prize.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The Hall of Fame was launched in 2009 in association with which body. **Ans: Federation of International Cricketers Associations**
2. There were three Indians in the initial intake of 55 inductees in the Hall of Fame apart from Sunil Gavaskar. **Ans: Bishan Singh Bedi and Kapil Dev**
3. Of the 11 Indians on the list, these two are women cricketers. **Ans: Diana Edulji and Neetu David**
4. The first to receive his special cap. **Ans: Australia's Rodney Marsh**
5. The only siblings to get this coveted honour. **Ans: Ian and Greg Chappell of Australia**
6. This Test nation has no inductees as yet. **Ans: Bangladesh**
7. These many players have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. **Ans: 122**
Visual: Name this legend. **Ans: Andy Flower**
Early Birds: K.N. Viswanathan| Sonali Das| Dodo Jayaditya| Arun Kumar Singh| Dashleen Kaur

Word of the day

Nosegay:
an arrangement of flowers that is usually given as a present

Synonyms: bouquet, corsage, posy

Usage: *She put out her hand and took the nosegay.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/nosegaypro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈnəʊzgeɪ/

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Two years of Shakti: 474 crore free rides for women recorded

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Shakti scheme, the free bus travel initiative for women, marked its second anniversary on Wednesday, with over 474 crore women passengers having availed themselves of the benefit across the State.

Launched on June 11, 2023, the scheme was one of the five major pre-poll guarantees. The scheme allows women with Karnataka domicile to travel for free in non-premium government buses operated by the four State-run transport corporations.

According to data shared by the Transport Department, between June 11, 2023, and June 10, 2025, the four corporations together recorded a total of 801.54 crore passenger journeys. Of these, 474.82 crore were women passengers travelling under the Shakti scheme. The largest number of women beneficiaries were recorded in the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation with over 150.69 crore passengers. Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation followed with 144.23 crore, while North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation and Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation reported 111.1 crore and 68.78 crore, respectively.

The total notional ticket value for the free rides availed of by women over the two years stands at ₹11,994.37 crore, which the State government reimburses to the corporations.

Under the scheme, women can board ordinary and express services within Karnataka by showing valid ID proof issued by the State government or any Central government document that confirms domicile.

The smart cards meant for beneficiaries are yet to be distributed. Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said that the plan to issue smart cards is in place, but the roll out is delayed due to the lack of electronic ticketing machines in all buses, making implementation unfeasible.

'State third busiest for air travel'

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

Karnataka is the third busiest Indian State for air travel after Delhi and Maharashtra. According to OAG's data on India's top 10 States by airline capacity (Domestic and International) for June 2025, Karnataka has 2.3 million seats and holds 11% of India's total market share.

The data further stated that Karnataka's capacity increased by 13% in June 2025 compared to June 2024.

Meanwhile, Delhi was the busiest State in India, with 3.6 million seats and a 17.4% share of India's total market. However, Delhi's capacity is 2% lower in June 2025 compared to June 2024. Maharashtra, which is the second busiest State with 3.5 million seats has 16.6% market share.

"Delhi is India's busiest airport for domestic flights with 2.6 million seats in June 2025, a 4% decrease compared to June 2024. Mumbai and Bengaluru are the second and third busiest airports, with 1.9 million and 1.8 million seats respectively for June 2025. Mumbai has a similar capacity to last year, but Bengaluru has increased by 9%," stated the OAG data, which has been sourced from UK-based air consultancy firm's Schedules Analyser.

As far as the top domestic routes in India by seats is concerned, four routes from Bengaluru figured in the top 10 domestic routes.

Bengaluru, however, did not find a place in India's top 10 international routes.

Rowdy sheeter hacked to death

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 25-year-old rowdy sheeter was hacked to death and his friend severely injured, when a group of armed men attacked the duo in Kadugodi on Tuesday night.

The deceased has been identified as Puneeth.

The Kadugodi police have registered a case of murder and formed a special team to track down the accused who are on the run.

APPOINTMENT

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Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
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Appointing children below 14 years of age in any type of employment or works and engaging children below 18 years of age in hazardous employments are punishable offence under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986.
- Steps have been taken to prevent employment of child labour in construction sites and continuous monitoring is being done.
- Special schemes have been implemented to promote the education of the Children of construction workers.
- Officers from 11 government departments have been appointed as inspectors, to conduct scheduled and surprise raids.
- Effective implementation of Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 and amendment of Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986.
- If child labourers and juvenile labourers are found engaged in work, measures are being implemented to safeguard such children, release them from work, and continue their education.
- Child Labour Project Societies have been established in all the districts of Karnataka

State under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner.
- In case if any person is found to have engaged or appointed child labourers for work, he/she can attract imprisonment from 06 months to 02 years or fine from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs.50,000/- or both. Repeated offences will attract imprisonment up to 03 years.
- Parents who force their children for work will also face legal action. In case of repeated offence, a fine up to Rs.10,000/-will be imposed.
- Persons who violate these rules will have to pay a sum of Rs.20,000/- per child they engage for work, to the Welfare Fund established for rehabilitation of children. A sum of Rs.15,000/- will also be provided by the Government per child.

Shri Santosh S. Lad, Hon'ble Minister for Labour and Chairman of the Board, interacting with school children.
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Audit of 10 of 11 deaths reported this year finds COVID-19 as 'incidental'

The situation is not alarming as of now, says Chief Minister; testing has been increased in the State since May

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Health Department's death audit committee that audited all COVID-19 deaths this year so far has found COVID-19 to be an incidental finding in 10 of the 11 deaths. The audit of one death is pending and will be completed by Thursday.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who on Wednesday reviewed the COVID-19 situation in the State, said that officials had informed him that the 10 victims had been hospitalised for various co-morbid conditions and did not die from COVID-19.

"The COVID-19 positivity was only an incidental finding, and the cause of death is attributed to other co-morbid conditions. The situation is not alarming as of now and I have directed the Health and Medical Education Departments to work in coordination and get every COVID-19 death audited," the Chief Minister said.

As many as 28 new cases have been reported taking the total number of active cases to 467 in Karnataka, as of Wednesday.
K. MURALI KUMAR

The audit was conducted following a recommendation by the State's Technical Advisory Committee (STAC).

The Chief Minister said that COVID-19 testing had been increased in the State since May. From the beginning of this month, over 500 tests are being done daily. "Over 5,000 tests have been conducted in the last 10 days and 862 positive cases have been detected. I have directed the officials to ensure that all hospitals are prepared to treat COVID-19 cases appropriately. There is no need to panic as the situation is under control," he said.

The Chief Minister, who said there have been complaints that private hospitals are unnecessarily fleecing people in the name of COVID-19 tests, directed officials to ensure people are not put to hardship.

As many as 28 new cases have been reported in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of active cases to 467. Of these, four are being treated in hospitals.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said following the Chief Minister's directions every COVID-19 death will henceforth be audited to find out if it was owing to COVID-19 or from complications of their co-morbid conditions. "It has been decided in the Chief Minister's meeting that henceforth a COVID-19 death should be declared only after an audit to avoid unnecessary panic," he said.

He said the number of positive cases are increasing as testing has been increased. "The test positivity rate is around 8%. We are testing all severe acute respiratory illness (SARI) cases and 5% of ILI cases. All our hospitals are prepared to handle a surge in cases, if any, and there is no need for people to panic. However, there is a need to follow COVID-19 precautions, especially in closed spaces and crowded areas," he said.

Sexual assault on eight girls: HC refuses to quash case against assistant professor

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has refused to quash criminal proceedings against a 44-year-old assistant professor of a premier research institute in the city on the allegation of sexually assaulting eight minor girls at the birthday party of his nine-year-old daughter in 2018.

Proceedings questioned

The petitioner-accused had questioned the proceedings before the trial, citing violation of procedure, particularly the manner in which the magistrate had recorded the statement of victim girls under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

It was argued that Section 25 of the CrPC mandates that recording of statement by the magistrate under Section 164 of the CrPC should be as spoken by the child, but the statements of the victim children, recorded by the magistrate, were verbatim the same.

However, Justice M. Nagaprasanna said that "the manner of recording of evidence by the learned magistrate would not take away the rigour of the allegation of every child."

On contention that the magistrate had not audio-video recorded the statements of the victim children, the court said that though recording through electronic mode is desirable, omission of it cannot derail the proceedings at this stage as the petitioner-accused can raise this question during the trial.

It was stated in the complaint that the petitioner-accused had touched the children inappropriately during the birthday party on the pretext of playing some game by switching off the lights. The victim children had complained about the incident to their parents, who later lodged the complaint with the police after arguing with the petitioner-accused.

However, the petitioner-accused had denied the allegation and claimed that some children preferred to play the "dark room game" and he had to enter the room as one child had poked the eye of another. The petitioner-accused also claimed that the complainant, who led the other parents, had some axe to grind with him and hence the complaint was registered only to harass him.

Siddaramaiah inaugurates KUSUM-C scheme

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday announced that farmers would be provided with a reliable seven-hour power supply during the daytime through the KUSUM-C scheme. He was talking at the inauguration of the scheme at Gauribidanur.

He also inaugurated the solar unit set up by the Department of Energy and Bescom at Hanumenahalli in Thondebavi hobli.

"The primary objective of the KUSUM-C scheme is to provide reliable daytime electricity to farmers," he said. He added, "Under the KUSUM-C scheme, 389 electricity supply substations in our State are being solarised. Solar units with a capacity of 2,396 megawatts (MW) will power 1,555 agricultural feeders with solar electricity. As a result, 6,32,794 agricultural pump sets will receive solar power. This will not only provide quality electricity to farmers during the daytime but also reduce power wastage."

He also noted that after his government came to power, the power generation had increased. "We have generated 4,000 MW of electricity. Currently, we can produce 35,000 MW, and a plan has been formulated to increase this to 60,000 MW by 2030," he said. He said that while ₹19,000 crore subsidy is being provided for agricultural pump sets, it will not be stopped under any circumstances.

Fresh mining push in Tumakuru forest raises ecological concerns

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Forest Department has given its consent for diversion of 119.23 acres of forestland in Tumakuru district for mining purpose that will result in axing of nearly 17,200 trees.

The proposed mining project is in Thirtharamapura Reserve Forest, and is spread across Gollarahalli, Hosahalli, Kodihalli, Tonalapura, and Lakmenahalli in Chikkanayakanahalli taluk. The department, in its letter dated May 14, 2025, recommended for 'moving the proposal' with the Union government for according 'in-principle' approval of diversion of 119.23 acres or 48.20 hectares of forestland.

Incidentally, the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) had conducted a site inspection close to the current location and had turned down two other mining proposals in the past, by different project proponents.

The inspection report carried out by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central) in 2017 stated that the area was mined from 1952 to 1998, and the original lease was split to many mining companies by the Department of Mines and Geology in violation of the Forest Conservation Act.

The MoEF&CC also stated that the area was the only watershed for the villages surrounding Chikkanayanakahalli, a drought hit area and hence it would be prudent not to divert it for mining, from the watershed point of view and maintained for ecological restoration.

Meanwhile, wildlife conservationist Giridhar Kulkarni has raised alarm over the Forest Department's decision to allow fresh mining in the ecologically sensitive forest areas of Tumakuru district, despite prior rejections of similar proposals by the MoEF&CC.

Somanath is Chanakya University V-C

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

S. Somanath, eminent scientist and former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), has been appointed Vice- Chancellor of Chanakya University, Bengaluru, a private university.

An official communication from the university stated that Mr. Somanath will assume office on Thursday, replacing the Founder Chancellor M.K. Sridhar.

However, Prof. Sridhar will continue to be a part of the board of governors as a member.

The university has also reconstituted its board of governors, which will have Infosys co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan and T.V. Mohandas Pai of Aarin Capital, among others The Principal Secretary of Higher Education Department will be the ex-officio member.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender notice No. HC 441/PLS/ Handling/Load-Unload/BJP/2024
Dated 28.05.2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

Item of Work	Approx.Value
Mechanized Movement /handling and loading/unloading of Parcels / Luggage at Vijayapura Railway Station.	Rs. 35,78,904/-

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
NOTICE OF INVITING E-TENDER
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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General Public that my client **FAIZ AHMED** S/o Abdul Samad of No. 52, II cross, III Main, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore-32 has lost the Original Sale deed in respect of the schedule property bears Doc. No.3385/1990-91, Book-1, Volume 3082, pages 25 to 36, dated 16.3.1991, regd. before Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore on 5.6.2025 in transit at R.T.Nagar, Bangalore.
Anyone finding the said document may kindly contact the undersigned advocate within **7 days** from date of this Public Notice
SCHEDULE
All that Office Premises No.G-30, Ground floor, PID No.76-11-19/1/128, Khata No.19/1/28 formerly No.19/1-28, in 'BRIGADE GARDEN Church Street, Bangalore. measuring 120 sq.ft with undivided share 33.60/14000.
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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521
No: CEE/TKR/Tr(O)Z/SEE (O)/AEE–1/2025-26/2809-11&2836-38 Date: 10.06.2025
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)
KPTCL invites Tenders for the following works in Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Tumakuru on Partial turnkey basis against the bid enquiry Nos.
(1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TR(O)Z/TKR/SEE(O)/AEE-1/ 2025-26/ Bid Enq-0007 Dated: 17.04.2025–Call-2 for "Providing additional 2No's of 11kV, MEI Make, 350MVA, 800A,20kA PCVCB type Switchgear for bifurcation of overloaded existing feeders at **110/11 kV S/s Doddaguni** in Nittur Nodal Center, KPTCL, Operation Division Tumakuru."
(2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TR(O)Z/TKR/SEE(O)/AEE-1/ 2025-26/Bid Enq-0025 Dated: 10.06.2025 for "Replacement of damaged tower No-14 by new towers in the existing **66KV Sira-Kalambella S/C line at Sira Highway bypass NH-48 in Sira Taluk, Tumakuru District** in the jurisdiction of TLM Section Sira, TLM Subdivision Tumakuru, Operations Division Tumakuru".
The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **'E Procurement KPTCL'** or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 12.06.2025** (for Sl.No. 1) **& on or after 13.06.2025** (for Sl.No. 2). Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.
Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy., Transmission (Operations) Zone, 1st Floor,"Prasarana Bhavan", KPTCL, 66/11KV Tumakuru S/s Premises, Tumakuru - 572103.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I BENGALURU
No. 4, Second Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 025.
DRC NO: 927/2019 FORM NO. 14 (See Regulation 33 (2))
Central Bank of India Rajajinagar Branch, No.6, 7, 8 Sudha Commercial Complex, 4th 'N' Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560010. ...Certificate Holder
Versus
Sri. Anantha Krishna K. ...Certificate Debtor(s)
DEMAND NOTICE
To,
Sri. Anantha Krishna.K., Proprietor of Venkateshwara Wood Works, At No.177, 5th Cross, 2nd Phase, 40 Feet Road, Manjunathanagar, Bengaluru-560010. **Also at:** No.30/5-46/5, 7th Cross, Sudhindranagar, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003.
In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.1531/2016** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **18/09/2019** an amount of **Rs. 16,80,925/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Five Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this **14th day of October 2019.**
Sd/-
(Rajasekharan.R)
Recovery Officer-I, DRT-1: Bengaluru
Email: rajasekharan.r@nic.in

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-PROCUREMENT (IREPS)
TENDER NOTICE No.H-GS-UBL-02-2025-26 Dated : 05.06.2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

Sl.No	Item of Work	Approx.Value
1	Design, Supply, Construction, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Integrated Rolling Stock Coaching Depot at Hubballi Including All Civil, Electrical General, Electrical Traction, Signalling & Telecom Works and Machinery, Tools & Plants on Engineering, Procurement and Construction ("EPC") basis.	Rs. 292,74,19,268/-
2	Additional work for Re-development of Vasco-Da- Gama Railway station along with associated General Electrical and Telecom works (Composite work).	Rs. 43,93,43,373/-

Last date for Submission of bids : Upto 11.00 hrs on 30.07.2025
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TENDER NOTIFICATION
No. Adm/Engg/Coffee Board/ Space for Rent/ Dobbespet/ 2025-26/82
Dated : 11.06.2025
Coffee Board is a Statutory Organization under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce, Government of India, intends to Letting out the space for Installation Coffee Roasting and Grinding Unit or any other Coffee Industry related works in the newly Constructed building at Plat No 320-P of Sompura 1st Stage, Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board [KIADB], Near Dobbuspet, Nelamangala taluk, Bengaluru rural District Sealed tenders are invited in two cover system by the Coffee Board. For further details, visit **https://coffeeboard.gov.in** The last date for submission of sealed tenders is on **01.07.2025 by 3:30 PM.** The date of opening of Technical bids is on **01.07.2025 at 4.00 PM.**
Sd/-
Joint Director of Extension (P&C)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I, BENGALURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(See Sec.25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 48 to 51 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)
RC No. 187/2024 IN OA No.1478/2018
Karnataka Grameena Bank, (Formerly Kaveri Gramin Bank), Bellandur Branch, Outer Ring Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 103. ...Certificate Holder
And
Sri. B. K. Krishnamurthy & Others ...Certificate Debtors
(CD 1) : Sri B. K. Krishnamurthy S/o. Late Sri B. R. Krishnappa, No. 251, Halubavi Road, Varthur Village and Post, Bengaluru - 560 087.
(CD 2) : Sri B. K. Manjunatha S/o. Late Sri B. R. Krishnappa, No. 256, Halubavi Road, Varthur Village and Post, Bengaluru - 560 087.
To, Branch Manager, Karnataka Grameena Bank, Bellandur Branch, Outer Ring Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 087.
Whereas, the above named Certificate Debtor were ordered by **RC No: 187/2024** the debt amount of **Rs.19,64,293/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Two Hudnred and Ninety Three Only) along with interest and cost till realization is due from the certificate debtors, namely, Sri B. K. Krishna Murthy and others the said certificate debtors have failed to pay the dues amount which he is laible to pay.
The outstanding liability in this matter as on 30.11.2024 is **Rs.33,54,159/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Fifty Four Thousan One Hundred and Fifty Nine Only) and whereas the said has amount along with cost, expenses and future interestare not paid by you, the undersigned has ordered the sale of undermentoned immovable property.
Whereas since the above said dues have not been paid by the Certificate Debtors, this is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed and unless the said certificate debtors shall pay to you the above said sum and the costs of this attachment, to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.
You are further commanded to return the Warrant on or before 10.02.2025 with an endorsement certifying the day on which and the manner in which it has been executed, or why it has not been executed.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY

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Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on **18.12.2024**
Sd/- Recovery Officer-1, DRT - 1, Bangalore

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda
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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)
Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Bank of Baroda** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **01.03.2025** calling upon the Borrower **(1) Swetha Ganesh** residing at No. 242, Prestige Falcon City, Konankunte Cross, 24th Floor, 2nd Building, Bangalore to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being aggregating **Rs. 51,71,682.44** (Rupees Fifty One Lakh Seventy One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two and Forty Four Paisa only) as on **01.03.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **10th day of June of the year 2025.**
The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Baroda** for an amount of **Rs. 51,71,682.44** (Rupees Fifty One Lakh Seventy One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two and Forty Four Paisa only) as on **01.03.2025** and interest thereon at the contractual rate plus cost, charges and expenses till date of payment.
The borrower's attention is invited to sub-section (8) of Section 13 in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.
Description of the Immovable Property:
Equitable mortgage of all that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing converted Sy No.28, New Sy No.28/1,Old BBMP Khata No. 77/28/1-1(Converted vide Official Memorandum Order No. ALN(SU) Sr. 66/06-07, dated 23.01.2008, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner ,Bangalore Dist, Bangalore situated at Thippasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli,Bangalore South, Bangalore, presently within the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagra Palike, presently within the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.196, of Anjanapura, Bangalore measuring East to West : On the Northern Side: 60'.5" feet , on the Southern Side : 44'.0" feet and North to South: On the Eastern Side 75'.11" feet and on the Western Side 79'.4" feet . And bounded on : East: Land in Same Sy. No. 28, New Sy. No. 28/2 belongs to T. Premalatha, West: Land in Sy Nos. 2 and 27, North: Road and then Portion of Property in same Converted Sy. No.28 , New Sy No 28/1 retained by the T. Mahantesh, South: Southern Side Portion in the same Middle Portion of Property bearing Converted Sy. No 28, New Sy No 28/1 retained by the T. Mahantesh.
Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 10.06.2025 **Bank of Baroda**

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Peenya Industrial Area notified as special investment region

Shilpa Elizabeth
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A file photo of the Peenya Industrial Area in Bengaluru.

The Karnataka government has issued a notification declaring 1,461.46 acres of the Peenya Industrial Area as the Peenya Special Investment Region. Phases 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the industrial area have been brought under the region.

Under the new scheme of things, 70% of the property tax collected from the region will be utilised for infrastructure development and maintenance in the region. The remaining 30% will be shared with the local body.

The Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) will be the regional development authority for the industrial township.

"The Peenya Special Investment Region shall be deemed to be an industrial township and the Government of Karnataka hereby declares that the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (regional development authority) be the industrial township authority," read the notification.

Special benefits

One of the most important features of a special investment region is that the local authorities will have no jurisdiction over it. As per the Karnataka Special Investment Region Act, 2022, the township will be managed by the regional development authority, which will be responsible for its development, operation, regulation, management, and infrastructure development.

According to industry bodies, the establishment of the special investment regions will create a more favourable environment for businesses by avoiding bureaucratic clutter, attracting more investments, facilitating better infrastructure amenities, and creating more jobs.

Praise for the move

The notification makes Peenya Industrial Area the 18th special investment region in Karnataka. Industry bodies such as Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) and Peenya Industries Association (PIA) have welcomed the notification and hoped that the industrial area would see a facelift in the coming days.

M.G. Rajagopal, president, KASSIA, said that declaring the industrial estate as a special investment region is an upgrade from its present plight and would help boost businesses in the region.

Shiva Kumar R., president of the PIA, thanked the Government of Karnataka, while noting that the expectation, however, had been for a Peenya Industrial Township Authority similar to the Electronics City Industrial Township Authority (ELCITA) – a demand raised as far back as 2002.

"Earlier, 80% of the industrial area would come under the Dasarahalli constituency and 20% under the R.R. Nagar constituency. For any grievances, we had to shuttle between both administrative offices. Now it has come under a single body," he said.

'Inadequate representation'

Some concerns, however, seem to remain unaddressed. One of them is the constitution of the regional development authority. The industry bodies criticised that the representation of the industrial fraternity in the 15-member committee is a miniscule two. "More representation from the industrial fraternity will ensure better development of the industrial layout, as we know the region better. At least 50% of the committee members should be from the industrial fraternity," said Mr. Rajagopal, noting that the industry bodies have requested the same to the Chief Minister.

Seconding it, Mr. Kumar remarked that a township authority would have given the industry fraternity more representation. He hoped that the government would consider modifying the committee to increase the number of industry representatives.

Broken benches, litter and missing shelters frustrate bus commuters in city

A senior BBMP official says the civic body is not directly responsible for either the maintenance or construction of bus stops, but it entrusts the tasks to three agencies

Mathew William
Sophia Mary Mathew
BENGALURU

People waiting for buses on the side of the road at Hebbal.
K. MURALI KUMAR

As the monsoon has set in, bus commuters have raised concerns about the condition of bus stops across the city. It's three in the afternoon, and a crowd has gathered at the HBR Layout bus stop, some of whom have been waiting for over 25 minutes. Broken benches at the shelter force commuters to stand amid scattered piles of litter. Just as a bus arrives, two autorickshaw drivers park right in front of the shelter, blocking access.

Since the introduction of the Shakti scheme, which provides free bus travel for women passengers, Karnataka has seen an increase in ridership, but various issues, like the low frequency of buses in certain areas and the condition and distribution of bus stops across Bengaluru, have made accessing public transport a hassle.

The issue has affected the city's students, too, many of whom depend on buses as their sole means of transportation. "The Vasanthnagar bus stop is built right next to an open drain, making it difficult to stand and wait for a bus there. Most people don't even stand there because of the smell and the proximity to the drain, during rain it get flooded and rainwater comes inside the bus shelter," said Ananya, a fourth-year student of Mount Carmel College.

Many, tired after a long day, are forced to deal with broken seats, garbage scattered all around, and inconsistent halts by BMTC buses. Heavy rains over the past two days have made life risky for bus commuters in Bengaluru, as many bus shelters have no roofs. Commuters are forced to stand in the rain, prompting them to question: "What's the use of a bus shelter if it doesn't protect us?"

Rajarshi, a 14-year-old student, said, "At my place at Puttenahalli, BMTC drivers halt at the bus stop at their convenience. The bus stop is mostly surrounded by trash, even early in the morning. Garbage trucks dump the waste right there."

Locating bus stops

Many bus shelters in Bengaluru face the issue of having little to no infrastructure, with crowds gathering at spots where they expect buses to halt.

Preeti Mishra, a 49-year-old yoga instructor, suffers because of this daily, saying, "We have to look at a crowd that has gathered and assume that's the bus stop. At Old Town, I have to catch the bus at the signal. It's the same at Santhe Circle as well."

Ms. Rajarshi said that a first-time commuter could experience extreme difficulty due to these untraceable bus stops, which are further complicated by several bus stops sharing the same name. "There are three Puttenahalli's and 10 Dairy Circles. We need to be able to locate bus stops. We end up going to the wrong ones because they aren't updated on Google Maps."

Sarah R., a human resources professional, said that south Bengaluru has better bus stops in general because of better planning and well-marked lanes for pedestrians, public transport users, and private vehicles. She said that places such as Whitefield, since it's constantly developing and focuses on the metro, fail to account for bus commuters.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) maintains approximately 8,500 bus shelters in the city. A senior BBMP official, on the poor condition of bus shelters, said the civic body is not directly responsible for either the maintenance or construction of bus stops in the city, but rather entrusts it to three agencies.

On areas that lack infrastructure, he said, "We don't build bus stops unless people make a formal request to either us or the BMTC." He said that areas which are currently undergoing metro construction may have to wait until the completion of the work to remedy their concerns.

Minister calls for strict enforcement of guidelines for trek trails

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following a recent incident of 10 students getting stranded in the Ballalarayana Durga forest area in Mudigere taluk of Chikkamagaluru district during a trekking expedition, Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre has called for strict enforcement of guidelines for trek trails in the State.

In response to this, Mr. Khandre wrote a note to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Chief of Forest Force stating that while purchasing tickets online for trekking, the website must provide complete information about the exact route to be taken for the trek, and that no one should trek without a guide."The estimated time and a warning that trekking should not be undertaken in areas inhabited by wildlife, should be provided," stated the note.

Young graduates should uphold constitutional values: Patna HC judge

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the fourth convocation of BCU, 39,780 students were conferred degrees nine PhDs, 32,486 undergraduate degrees, and 7,285 postgraduate degrees

"Young graduates should uphold the values enshrined in our Constitution – justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity – and they should commit to upholding the rule of law and democratic principles," P.B. Bajanthri, judge of the Patna High Court has said.

In his convocation address at the Bengaluru City University (BCU) on Wednesday, he said the country stands at a pivotal moment, poised for unprecedented growth. "However, this growth must be inclusive and equitable. The issue of socio-economic inequality is a persistent challenge that demands our collective attention. Your generation has the potential to lead this transformation by championing policies and practices that promote fairness and access for all," he told the graduates.

"If you are in any sector, think about innovations that can bridge the opportunity gap and empower the next generation, regardless of their background. Sustainable economic development is not just about Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth; it's about ensuring that the benefits of this growth are shared broadly, leading to a more just distribution of wealth and opportunities, and in the digital realm, you have the power to connect, empower, and transform lives through digital platform, ensuring inclusion as a reality for everyone, thereby directly addressing one facet of inequality," he added.

Addressing the gathering, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot said, "The strength of educated youth can transform the future of the nation. No matter which field you choose – science, technology, business, arts, or social service – your dedication and efforts will lead India towards progress." The Governor also applauded the National Education Policy 2020, which emphasises the use of regional languages as a medium of instruction and aims to make education more inclusive, practical, and rooted in Indian values.

In the fourth convocation, 39,780 students were conferred degrees – nine PhDs, 32,486 undergraduate degrees, and 7,285 postgraduate degrees, and in all, 57 gold medals were presented.

K.R. Jalaja, acting Vice-Chancellor of the university, and B. Ramesh, Registrar (Evaluation) were among those present.

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Nandi Hills closed for public from June 16 to 20

During weekends and holidays, Nandi Hills sees a footfall of approximately 16,000 to 18,000 people, and there will be 3,000-3,500 two-wheelers and 1,500-1,700 cars.

On weekdays, there will be 5,000-6,000 people, 1,000-1,500 two-wheelers and 500-700 cars. Since all the Ministers, including the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister, MLAs, and others are expected to attend the Cabinet meeting, the area is being closed for public as a precautionary measure.

"There is only one road to go up and to come down Nandi Hills and there are sharp turns. We will be closing the area as a precautionary measure to avoid accidents as it will be difficult to regulate people and traffic on the roads," the order said.

The order has also restricted advanced bookings of the rooms that are situated on top of the Hill.

Water adalat today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will conduct a water adalat on Thursday from 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. to address a range of public issues related to water services.

The water adalat will be held at the following locations in Bengaluru: North 2-1: 1st Floor, Pinakini Bhavan, Doddaballapur Main Road, Yelahanka New Town; South 1-1: Jamboosavari Dinne Main Road, J.P. Nagar 8th Phase; South 2-1: Kapila Bhavan, 1st Floor, 4th 'T' Block, Jayanagar; South West -1: No. 17, Park Road, Tulasi Thota, Chikka Lalbagh; South West-4: Ground Floor, 1st Main, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Banagirinagar; East 1-2: A. Narayanapura Main Road, Opp. K.R. Puram Railway Station, near Patalamma temple, Hanuman junction, A. Narayanapura; East 2-2: 1st Main Road, Kasturinagar; South East-2: Swami Vivekananda Road, opposite Lido Mall, Halasur; South East-5: 2nd Cross, 17th Main, Koramangala 3rd Block; West 1-2: opposite Vijayanagar water tank, Vijayanagar, 8th Main, M.C. Layout; West 2-2: 5th Block, Outer Ring Road, Nagarabhavi.

Additionally, the BWSSB 24x7 helpline number (1916) and a WhatsApp service (8762228888) are available for lodging complaints or receiving assistance.

Kharge justifies decision to conduct caste census afresh

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Mallikarjun Kharge

Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge justified the decision to conduct a fresh caste census in Karnataka, saying it is necessary to reflect current realities.

"The last caste census was conducted 10 years ago during Siddaramaiah's first tenure as Chief Minister. Much has changed since then, with several communities being reclassified. A new survey is essential to assess the present socio-economic and educational status of each caste. The same parameters used in the previous census will be applied again, along with new parameters," he explained.

When asked about the Congress high command's recent meeting with Mr. Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Mr. Kharge clarified that the issues of a Cabinet reshuffle and change of KPCC president were not on the agenda.

"We discussed several matters, including the caste census and the stampede at the M. Chinnaswamy stadium in Bengaluru, which claimed 11 lives during RCB's victory celebrations," he said.

Responding to the Opposition's demand for resignation of the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister over the stampede, Mr. Kharge questioned whether Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had stepped down following the stampede at the Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj.

"Calls for resignation are justified only when there is deliberate wrongdoing. This was a tragic incident that should never have occurred. We are deeply saddened by the loss of young lives. It is heartbreaking to witness the grief of their parents. Our focus must now be on ensuring that such tragedies are not repeated," he said.

BJP demands CM's resignation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Congress high command's decision to opt for a re-enumeration of castes, citing concerns over data reliability, has put Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who had vouched for the authenticity of the data, in the line of attack by the Opposition. The BJP, which had questioned the credibility of the caste data, has now demanded that the Chief Minister quit and tender an apology to the people for his claims that the data was authentic.

The BJP's OBC leader and former Minister V. Sunil Kumar, addressing a press conference on Wednesday, termed the decision an effort to divert public attention from the stampede during RCB's victory celebrations in Bengaluru that claimed 11 lives.

Mr. Sunil Kumar said: "The Chief Minister had remained stubborn though the Opposition parties, some leaders within the ruling Congress, and various communities had questioned the authenticity of the data and demanded re-enumeration."

He also urged the government to desist from taking up the re-survey, saying that the Centre had already announced its decision to take up caste census along with the General Census within the next six months. "As there is no constitutional validity for the State's caste census, it is better for the State to cooperate with the Centre in conducting caste census," he said.

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok interpreted the Congress high command's decision as "a slap on the face of Mr. Siddaramaiah." This is a defeat for the Chief Minister and a victory for Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, he said.

Experts: Re-enumeration in three months will be a Herculean task

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Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

Marked: A sticker pasted on a house after data was collected for the 2015 Socio-Economic and Educational Survey (caste census). FILE PHOTO

A new full-fledged survey of Karnataka's population to identify backward classes and later classify them into categories to provide reservation, as announced by the State government, could take months to be undertaken and for the report to be prepared, said experts.

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Sources in the Chief Minister's Office said that the H. Kantharaj Commission's survey conducted at a cost of ₹165 crore and the report submitted by K. Jayaprakash Hegde Commission based on the survey was as good as "junked."

"The government is hopeful of completing the survey in three months the way the Telangana government completed its survey," sources said.

However, those who have worked in the Backward Classes Commission, especially during the 2015 survey, expressed doubts about the possibility of completion within 90 days. "Preparatory work for the survey includes identifying and drawing a list of castes and sub castes, preparing the questionnaire, bringing up a handbook, drawing up house list/ block list, appointment and training of enumerators, among many other things, and this takes at least six to eight months."

Bigger population

At the time of the new survey, the projected population of Karnataka will be nearly 7 crore for which at least 1.5 lakh enumerators are required, it is estimated. In 2015, 5.98 crore people or about 95% of the total population was enumerated by about 1.35 lakh personnel.

"The enumerators are normally teachers. The Right to Education Act, 2009, prohibits the use of teachers for any other work during the academic year. They can be used only during holidays. In such a scenario, the work cannot be undertaken in the next few months," sources said.

More parameters

Another source, who was earlier in the commission, said that the survey work has to commence from a very basic level as those opposing the 2015 survey had cast aspersions on almost everything. "The earlier two commissions focused on the provisions of Article 15 (4) of the Constitution on education and social backwardness. They did not touch provisions of Article 16 (4) for adequate representation. Without study on adequate representation, how will you understand the benefits that the castes have received in public education and employment avenues? This has to be included in terms of reference for the new survey."

Commission members yet to be appointed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government is yet to appoint members for the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes.

While former Advocate General Madhusudan R. Naik has been appointed as the chairman, members are likely to be appointed soon. Persons, who have worked in the commission in the past, felt that unless those with expertise in the field are appointed, it would be a gigantic task to understand and come up with classification of castes based on socio, economic, education, and political data secured as part of the survey.

Charge of 'political interference'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

According to sources, central leaders were aware of the possible lacuna in the recommendation by K. Jayaprakash Hegde Commission. A source said that the classification of Kurubas in Category 1 was seen as example of political interference.

"Kurubas were put along with Devadasis, nomadic, semi nomadic communities, and many microscopic communities in Category 1 and it was felt as unfair."

'Use Aadhaar, streamline castes'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The All-India Veerashaiva Mahasabha urged the government to link Aadhaar to every person enumerated in the survey to prevent duplication and frauds.

"We will seek a separate code in religion coloumn for Veerashaiva-Lingayats," Mahasabha secretary H.M. Renuka Prasanna said. "In 2015, owing to confusion, several Veerashaiva-Lingayats registered under different names resulting in the fall of population numbers."

Shivakumar flags BJP's 'contradictory' stands on survey

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

D.K. Shivakumar

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Wednesday questioned the BJP's rationale in questioning the State government's decision to re-enumerate castes in Karnataka.

"The BJP was opposed to the earlier caste census citing data sanctity issues. We have announced a redo of the census, but the BJP is still opposing this too," he told reporters here.

He said the idea was not rejecting the earlier census, but trying to correct the shortcomings of the earlier survey in order to allay concerns of several communities.

Ravi slams State govt.

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

C.T. Ravi, MLC, has slammed the Congress government for its move to conduct the caste census survey again, questioning if the Chief Minister will admit that the earlier survey was unscientific.

Speaking to pressperson in Chikkamagaluru on Wednesday, Mr. Ravi said the the Chief Minister repeatedly defended the report as scientific. He maintained it as his most ambitious report. The government had spent hundreds of crores to prepare the report.

'Frame strict rules against child marriages'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the recent incident of a minor girl from Reddihalli Gollarahatti in Challakere taluk of Chitradurga district successfully resisting her marriage, the Karnataka Child Rights Observatory has asked the State government to draft strict rules to prevent child marriages and extend free and compulsory education to all girls till the age of 18.

State convener Vasudeva Sharma N.V., in a letter addressed to the Chief Minister and shared with all Ministers, judges, and the women's commission, demanded that the government come out with stricter rules to prevent child marriages.

CM's statement

"The Chief Minister, at a meeting held recently with the DCs and zilla panchayat CEOs, issued strict instructions to contain social evils, including child marriage and child pregnancies. This means the government, in a way, has accepted that these have been persistent in society. Denial and delay of action by the officials, especially in rural areas, is another problem which is leading to such issues," he added.

The government should crack the whip on officials who are neglecting such issues. The government also should create awareness on a large scale about the ill effects of child marriage. Community leaders and panchayats play a vital role in such practices, and strict legal action should be taken against them if they are found involved in such incidents, he said.

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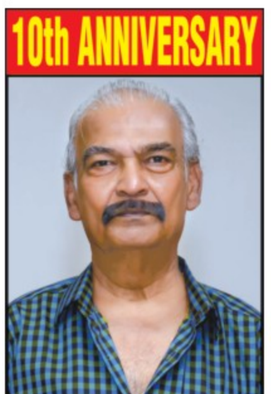
Subsequent to being commissioned in 1st Madras, you were tasked to give personal protection to Mahatma Gandhi during Kolkata riots(1947); fought 1947 war with the battalion airlifted to protect Kashmir; fought in the battle of Titwal; served in 4 Madras as part of UN Peacekeeping force fighting insurgents in Congo (1962);during 1965 war commanded 16 madras; as BGS Eastern Command, were closely involved in Ops plans and execution, which led to the sterling Indian victory in 1971; awarded AVSM for this work; your last appointment in the army was as General Officer Commanding ATN K&K area; On superannuation in 1980, you were appointed as Chairman TN public service commission for a six year term; thereafter you served in Sathya Sai organisation as it's central coordinator & state president.

We respect the values you lived by and carry forward a proud legacy.

With gratitude **Family and friends**

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

10th ANNIVERSARY



S.I.P. DHANASEKARAN
(S/o. S.I. Paramasiva Nadar)
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YOU ARE THE GUIDING FORCE FOR US
FONDLY REMEMBERED BY
Family & Staff of
S.I.P. DHANASEKARAN & CO.,

DEATH

C R GOVIND (56 Yrs)
S/o. Late CR Vasudevan & Vasundhara
With deep sorrow, we regret to inform you that our beloved nephew attained sadgati on 11th June 2025.
Deeply Mourned by
Dr.S.Raghu & Family
Mrs. Janaki Rajan & Family

IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES
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PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
MARINE DEPARTMENT
No.MD/ACCTS/WK/R-08/2025/737 Date:06/06/2025
Name of the Work: Hiring of 01 no. 50 Ton Bollard Pull Tug along with Manning Crew for Marine Operations at SPMs and inside Harbour at Paradip Port for a period of 02 (Two) years & extendable for 01 (One) more year.
Estimated cost put to tender: Total estimated cost including Hire Charges & Fuel Cost: Rs.33,90,94,490/- excluding GST. Estimated cost put to Tender towards Hire Charges only Rs.17,46,16,000/- excluding GST. Last date & time of submission of tender through on-line bidding is 15:00 Hours on 30/06/2025.
Date & time for opening of Technical Bid is 15:30 hours on dt.01/07/2025.
For further details, please log on to the Website : https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.
PPA/PR/16/2025-2026, 10/06/2025 Deputy Conservator, Paradip Port Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner MR. C HARI, Son of Sri. C. Papanna. The Owner represent that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and apart from him there are no other person/s, having any right, title or claim over the Schedule Property and the Schedule Property is not mortgaged, or encumbered in any manner. The Owner represent that he has not entered into any MoU, Agreement of Sale or any sort of arrangement with any other person/s, with respect to the Schedule Property or part thereof. If any person/s having objection/s or claims may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claims within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Residential Immoveable property bearing Site No.138, bearing E-PID No. 3858988349, Property No. 1943/1524/138 [Old Katha No.1524], measuring East to West: 50 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, in all measuring 1500 Sq. Feet, formed in residentially converted land bearing survey No.153/4 and 153/5A of Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on the and bounded on the:
East by : Road
West by : Park
North by : Site No.137
South by : Site No.139
H M Harsha
UniLegal - Advocates and Attorneys
No.511, Ground Floor, 9th Cross, 6th Main, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore - 560 080
Phone: +91 98443-90581
e-mail: harsha@unilegal.in
Bangalore Date: 12-06-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT, our client has negotiated and decided to purchase the Schedule Property from the respective owners. Any persons having claim against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, G.P.A, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office as shown below within 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ITEM No.I
All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Survey Number 59, measuring 1 Acre 13 Guntas and 0-02 Guntas Kharab, situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the; East by: Sri.L.Narayanaswamy land; West by: Bengaluraiah's Land; North by: Muniswamy land; South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 56;
ITEM No.II
All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Survey Number 55, measuring 1 Acre 10 Guntas, situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the; East by: Halla; West by: Land bearing Sy.No.57, 59 & 60; North by: Land bearing Sy.No.60 & 61; South by: Land bearing Sy No.56 & 57
ITEM No.III
All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Survey Number 57, measuring 1 Acre 08 Guntas situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the; East by: Land bearing Sy. No. 55 & 56; West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 18; North by: Land bearing Sy. No. 58 & 59; South by: Road;
ITEMNo.IV
All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Survey number 56, measuring 0-04 Guntas situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the: East by: Pathway; West by: Thoti Inanthi; North by: Land bearing Sy No.59; South by: Government Road
Dated this 12th day of June 2025 at Bangalore
M/S. LEGAL NEXUS,
ADVOCATES & CONSULTANTS,
No. 428, First Floor, 25th Cross, 24th Main, Sector 2, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560 102,
Phone: 080-65555914,
Mobile: 9945688974; 9164150690,

Siddaramaiah writes to Fadnavis defending decision to raise Almatti dam height

The Maharashtra government had urged Karnataka to 'reconsider the plan to increase the height of the dam to protect the people from floods in Kolhapur and Sangli districts'

Rishikesh Bahadur Desai
BELAGAVI

Karnataka wants to increase the height of the Lal Bahadur Shastri reservoir on the Krishna at Almatti from the present 519.6 metres to 524.256 metres.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has written to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis defending Karnataka's decision to increase the height of the Lal Bahadur Shastri dam on the Krishna at Almatti. He has argued that Karnataka has the right to increase the dam height even without waiting for the Union government to publish the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal Award.

This is in response to Mr. Fadnavis's letter on May 9 that objected to Karnataka planning to increase the dam height.

The Maharashtra government had urged Karnataka to "reconsider the plan to increase the height of Almatti dam from the present level of 519.6 metres to the full reservoir level (FRL) of 524.256 metres to protect the people from floods in Kolhapur and Sangli districts in Maharashtra."

Unfounded fears

In the letter, Mr. Siddaramaiah said that Maharashtra's fears of flooding owing to the Krishna backwaters are unfounded. KWDT-I headed by Justice R.S. Bachawat, and subsequently the KWDT-II headed by Justice Brijesh Kumar, had looked into the issue and ruled that Karnataka could not be denied the right to increase the dam height, in 2013.

"Karnataka planned the construction of the Almatti dam up to FRL 524.256 m back in 1969. The KWDT-I headed by Justice R.S. Bachawat, and subsequently the KWDT-II headed by Justice Brijesh Kumar have not imposed any restrictions on the height of the Almatti dam," the letter said, pointing out that objections of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra had been overruled after considering the views of experts.

While Andhra Pradesh had demanded that the dam height be restricted to 515 m, Maharashtra demanded it be kept at 512 m.

The Chief Minister noted in the letter that even though there is no backwater effect, a three-tier Inter-State flood co-ordination committee had been established by both the States to prevent any inadvertent mismanagement in the regulation, the integration, and the coordination of flood monitoring.

"I may also recall that the Vadhere committee of technical experts, appointed by the Maharashtra government, had gone into the alleged flooding in 2019 and blamed it on encroachment, since these encroachments are narrowing the channels in Sangli and Kolhapur districts," he said.

Money spent

Karnataka has spent nearly ₹20,000 crore to create infrastructure for the utilisation of the additional allocation of 173 tmcft of water besides the allocation of 729 tmcft under the KWDT-I decision. Even Maharashtra has reportedly spent on infrastructure to utilise the additional 85 tmcft of surplus water allocated to it, the letter noted.

'Stand clarified'

Mohan Katarki, senior advocate at the Supreme Court who has argued for Karnataka in water disputes, said: "By this letter, Karnataka has clarified its stand not only on submergence issue but also on its right to raise the Almatti dam height to FRL 524.256 m even without waiting for publication of the award by the Union government under Section 6(1) of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act of 1956."

Rescuers connect towline to ship ablaze off Kerala

Dhinesh Kallungal
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Two days after the ship *mv Wan Hai 503* caught fire off the coast of Kerala between the Beypore and Azhikkal ports, the Indian Coast Guard and the MERC Salvage Master – a Marine Emergency Response Centre and a subsidiary of Vishwakarma of Gujarat – could connect a towline to the burning ship, a significant achievement considering the effort different agencies made in the past two days. The MERC men landed on the ship on an Indian Coast Guard (ICG) helicopter by Wednesday afternoon.

According to sources, the initial plan was to tow the ship to a safer region in the central Arabian Sea away from the coastline of different geographical regions surrounding the sea and from the international shipping channel. The team had also toyed with the idea of bringing the ship to New Mangalore Port if the fire was contained.

However, the fire, which was brought under control last night in the forward bay with approximately 40% of the blaze suppressed, was still raging on Wednesday, and the vessel was afloat, emitting thick smoke.

Fallen containers

Sekhar Kuriakose, member secretary of the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, told *The Hindu* that as per the warning of the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), the fallen containers of the ship may drift towards the coastal stretch between Kozhikode and Thrissur in Kerala and parts of south Tamil Nadu to Sri Lanka in the next couple of days. There would be slight changes in the landing of containers as the ship was still adrift in the sea, changing its location from the earlier forecast location.

Meanwhile, the authorities have been keenly watching the developments in the ship, as there are chances for a BLEVE (boiling liquid expanding vapour explosion) explosion.

Meanwhile, specialists from Spain, the U.K., and the Netherlands will be deployed for the firefighting operation subject to visa clearance within 72 hours, said a report released by government agencies.

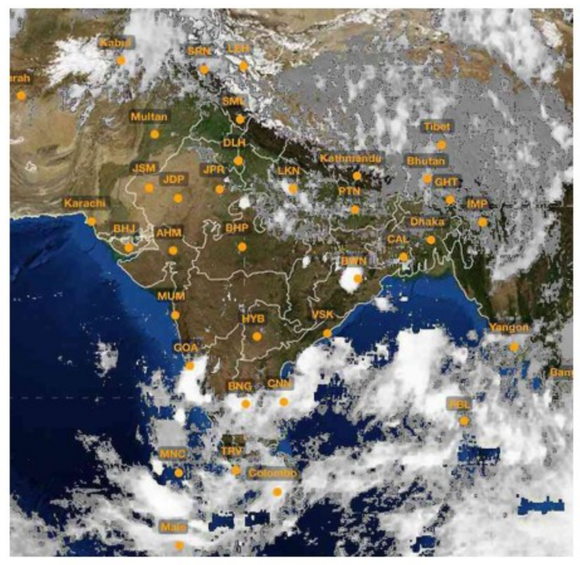
Case filed

The Kerala Police on Wednesday registered a case against the owner of the Liberia-flagged *MSC Elsa 3* that sank off the Kerala coast with dangerous goods onboard on May 25.

The case was registered against the owner of the ship Mediterranean Shipping Company, the ship master, crew, and others based on a complaint filed by C. Shamji, a native of Alappuzha.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Odisha, Telangana, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	15	35.6	24.7	Kozhikode	44	31.0	25.0
Ahmedabad	—	40.8	28.4	Kurnool	—	32.6	27.0
Aizawl	5.2	33.7	20.9	Lucknow	—	42.0	31.0
Allahabad	—	43.8	31.5	Madurai	—	39.5	27.5
Bengaluru	33	29.0	21.2	Mangaluru	70	27.5	23.6
Bhopal	—	42.6	30.0	Mumbai	—	33.5	28.8
Bhubaneswar	16.7	33.4	26.9	Mysuru	—	30.0	20.4
Chandigarh	—	41.9	31.7	New Delhi	—	43.3	27.2
Chennai	—	36.1	26.2	Patna	—	40.7	31.4
Coimbatore	—	31.0	23.5	Port Blair	7	31.0	25.8
Dehradun	—	36.9	27.6	Puducherry	—	33.2	23.9
Gangtok	17	26.3	18.4	Pune	—	31.9	25.9
Goa	—	32.6	27.3	Raipur	49	36.4	23.0
Guwahati	—	37.4	28.2	Ranchi	—	34.0	24.6
Hubballi	—	31.0	23.0	Shillong	0.2	27.6	19.0
Hyderabad	—	33.4	23.6	Shimla	—	31.8	24.5
Imphal	—	31.6	27.5	Srinagar	—	33.9	17.6
Jaipur	—	44.4	32.2	Thiruvananthapuram	10	31.4	24.2
Kochi	12	27.8	25.2	Tiruchi	1.3	36.7	27.4
Kohima	—	29.6	25.4	Vijayawada	25.2	32.5	24.4
Kolkata	1	35.4	28.8	Visakhapatnam	4	32.5	26.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.52	.42	.40	34	62	.....
Bengaluru	.14	..30	.46	77	99	.....
Chennai	...9	..16	.55	72	61	.....
Delhi	.22	..50	.65	...202	...315	.....
Hyderabad	..—	..15	.47	98	...102	.....
Kolkata	...2	..70	.21	76	79	.....
Lucknow	...9	..44	152	...175	...141	.....
Mumbai	.67	..16	.48	18	78	.....
Pune	..—	..69	101	64	...108	.....
Visakhapatnam	...9	..85	.21	83	...107	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Gurugram, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 246 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 15

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

N.W.K.R.T.C., GADAG DIVISION, GADAG
No/NWKT/GDG/TR/COMR/702/25-26
Date : 10-06-2025

e-TENDER Notification No:04/2025
(Through KPP Portal Only)

Inviting e-Tender applications to Commercial Establishments coming under the jurisdiction of NWKRTC, Gadag Division.

Interested parties may participate in the in the tender through e-procurement portal "http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal -home" within stipulated date and time as mentioned. For more details contact phone no: **7760991802, 9986802447, 7026047644**.

Corporation reserves the right to accept/reject/recall the tender without giving information to tender in the view of Corporation Good Will.

Sd/- Divisional Controller
NWKRTC, Gadag Division, Gadag

DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/101/2025-26

Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru

Short-Term Tender Notice No.:08/2025-26 Date: 06.06.2025

In the Tender Notice seen above Tender is invited from eligible contractors for total 04 works through KPP Portal under Head of Account: 8443 Deposit Contribution,3054-04-337-1-10-200 Maintenance of District Main Roads (Heavy Rains), 4059-80-386-051-0-29, related to Sub divisions of Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertaking or having implemented the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-1 & 3) should be attached. Contractors can be awarded the contract only if they have the minimum eligibilities as mentioned in Act 3. Minimum Approx. Amount Rs. 10.00 lakhs and Maximum Approx. Amount Rs. 100.00 lakhs. For Tender to be submitted through KPP Portal for 04 works (Indent No. 22024 on 13.06.2025, Indent No. 10224 (4th Call), 16239 (2nd Call) on 18.06.2025, Indent No. 22132 on 25.06.2025) tender should be submitted within 4.30 PM. For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagalur.

DIPR/ckm/No.40/25-26/ksmca/399

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client is interested in purchasing the below mentioned schedule property from its present owner **Mrs. SINDHU SURESH**, and her husband **Mr. SURESH BABU.S,** who had acquired the same from **Mrs. S. R. Rathnamma** W/o Late S.R.Bhimappa and the said Mrs. S. R.Rathnamma W/o Late S.R.Bhimappa has executed a declaration deed for rectification of sale deed stating that the whereabouts of Smt. N. Nagarathna, W/o. Shankarappa.K.B were not known hence, Any person/s or body of persons, Banks, financial institutions, NBFC's Etc.,having any objection/s or claims, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection / claims **within 15 days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING BDA Site No.623 (Carved out of Survey No.19/1 of VENKATESHAPURA Village), formed by BENGALURU DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, and assigned as Khatha No. BD006S200002311 and Property ID (PID) No.6000042316, situated at 3rd BLOCK, ARKAVATHI LAYOUT, BENGALURU, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the **EAST** by Road on the **WEST** by Site No.620 on the **NORTH** by Site No.624 and on the **SOUTH** by Site No.622 **And measuring on the EAST to WEST 9.00 Meters & NORTH to SOUTH 6.00 Meters Totally measuring 54 Square Meters,**

S.B.ABDUR RAHMAN Advocate,
1st Floor, M M Complex-1,No.60 Chickbazaar Road,Tasker Town, Bangalore-51.
Bangalore: **Off : 4148 0443 Mob-98450 83304** Dated: **12.06.2025**

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A.P. SOCIAL WELFARE RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SOCIETY
D.No.12-467-9, Moksha Sai Plaza, Service Road, Tadepalli, Guntur-522501

e-Procurement Tender Notification

Tender Notice Nos.2 to 5/APSWRE-Technical-2025-26, dated 10-06-2025

The APSWREI Society invites tenders from registered companies / firms for the procurement of goods and services under the following categories:

- **Security Services - ECV Rs.21.50 Cr.**
- **Stationary Items - ECV Rs.5.30 Cr.**
- **SS Thali plates, glasses & Katoras - ECV Rs.1.63 Cr.**
- **EOI for Mechanized Kitchen Equipment**
- **Start Date:** 12.06.2025 **& Closing Date & Time:** As per details available on the e-Procurement portal

For further information, please contact: Phone 0863-2347445

Note: Any corrigendum/amendments will be published only on the official e-Procurement portal: https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in

SECRETARY, APSWREIS

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Director General of Police, Police Computer Wing,
7th Floor, M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru 560001.
E-mail: dgppcw@ksp.gov.in **Tel No**.22353871

No.37/STS/DGP/PCW/2024-25/Vol-2 Dated : 09.06.2025

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The tender are invited in "Two Cover System" as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through e-Tender of Government of Karnataka website **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** for Supply and Install of following software required to the KSP Data Centre.

Sl. No	Tender No.	Particulars	Qty
1	KSP/ 2025-26/ SE0066	Supply, Deployment and Maintenance of security incident and event Management (SIEM) Security Orchestration, Automation and Response (SOAR) User Entity and Behavior Analytics (UEBA) and Network Behavior Anomaly Detection (NBAD) for Karnataka State Police Data Centre.	01

Last Date for submission of tender: 12.07.2025 by 17:30 hrs

Tender forms containing technical specifications, can be downloaded from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**.Those who are willing to implement the project must necessarily be registered in e-Procurement portal. The training about e-Procurement is being provided at e-Procurement cell, e-Governance Department, M.S.Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore 560 001. The vendors may contact the helpline No : 91-8046010000 + 91-8068948777. For further details the vendors are requested to visit the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**.

Tender document will be available on **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** from **12/06/2025.**

(1) Details : **Downloading of Tender Document & last date of tender submission: (from 12/06/2025 to 12/07/2025 before 17:30 hrs). (2) EMD amount : Rs.6,60,000/-(Six lakh sixty thousand only)** which shall be paid online through any of the following modes. (a) Credit Card (b) Debit Card, (c) National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT), (d) Detail of the payment mode as mentioned in the bid document (e-payment document available on website). **(3) Pre bid Meeting :** 23.06.2025 at 12.00 hrs. **(4) Technical bid** : 14.07.2025 at 11.00 hrs **(5) Commercial bid :** 19.07.2025 at 11.30 hrs.

Sd/-
Director General of Police
Police Computer Wing, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/1170/NR/2025-26

(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri
No:EE/PWD/Dvn/AE-2/Tender/2025-26 Dated: 09.06.2025

Invitation For Short term Tender
Tender ref no:07/2025-26

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers, for the works. Total 07 Works (Sira, Koratagere, Madhugiri, Pavagada Taluk) Approx. amount for the work is Rs.82.78 Lakhs. Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPPP portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://KPPP.gov.in.Tenders must be submitted through KPPP portal on or before 17-06-2025 (up to 4.00 pm), Technical bids will be opened on 18-06-2025 after 4.15 Pm, Financial bid will be opened on 19-06-2025 after 4.15 Pm. Further any other information can be seen from the KPPP portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri

DIPR/TUM/145/KSMCA/2025-26

Government of Karnataka Zilla Panchayat, Chitradurga

Office of the District Health and Family Welfare, Chitradurga.

ದೂ: ಸಂ: **08194–235018** ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: dhochitradurga@gmail.com

Ref.No:DHFW/CTA/OUTSOURCE/TENDER/01/2025-26
DATE:09-06-2025

E-Tender Notice

E- Tender is called for third timefor appointing D-group (clinical and Non-clinical) and 04 Data entry operators for vacant posts at District health and family welfare office of chitradurga and offices working under DHO and taluk health offices/ 02 General hospitals (Hosadurga and molakalmuru)/11 community health Centre's /primary health Centre's, 03 nursing officers and three D-group posts for three extension unitsfor the year of 2025-26. Tender documents should be uploaded in kppp portal from the Date: 09-06-2025 to Date:08-07-2025 timings within 5-00 pm,and Technical bid will be opened on Date:11-07-2025 at 11-00 am, terms and conditions of tender can obtained in website http://.kppp.karnataka.gov.in
For further details contact the office ofDistrict health and family welfare office,chitradurga during office hours.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 142/2025-26

Sd/- District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Chitradurga.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

To avail the outsource man power agency for Minority Welfare Department/line departments office through tender, interested agencies can visit **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website.
Details : (1) Tender issuing authority : Minority Welfare Department **(2)** Indent of tender : To get man power through outsourcing agency **(3)** Required manpower : **1.** Data entry operator – 5, **2.** Drivers – 1, **3.** FDA-6, **4.** Staff Nurse-8, **5.** Cook -83, **6.** Asst Cook-66, **7.**Watchman-27, **8.** Sweeper-21, **9.** Group-D –37, **(4)** Estimated amount : **Rs. 514.96 Lakhs. (5)** EMD amount : **Rs. 7.72 Lakhs. (6)** Commencement date for submission of tender : **10.06.2025 (7)** Pree Bid Meeting : **23.06.2025. (8)** Last date for submission of Tender **: 11.07.2025. (9)** Technical Bid Open Date : **14.07.2025. (10)** Financial Bid Open Date : **17.07.2025. (11)** Tender receiving authority : Minority Welfare Department Koppal.

Sd/- District Officer,
Minority Welfare Department
Koppal

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SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION NO-03/2025-26
Dated : 10.06.2025
Two cover System
Through e-procurement

This office's tender Notification No.03/2025-26, Dated: 10.06.2025 for a total No of 02 works (Minimum amount-411.00 lakhs Maximum amount Rs. 499.00 lakhs). Item wise rate tender Is Invited from eligible KPWD Class-II & Above contractors. Tender queries and clarification as per e-portal. E.M.D should be paid through E-payment. Last date of submission of tenders through on-line : As per e-Portal, Date of opening of tender As per e-portal. For additional Information log on to http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and contact on official Land-line number 08232-225046 During office hours

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Ltd VC Division, Mandya.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA

No.EE:PWD:CTA:JE-1,2:Tender-14:2025-26 Dated:- 11.06.2025

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through KPPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work:- Two cover System:- Head of Account 8443 DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION (CEPMIZ) KMERC:- (1) Construction of by-pass road at Hanumanagudda and Bandravi village in Molakalmuru Taluk of Chitradurga District (4.00 Kms) (WI.16558) **Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-2350.00**
Tender dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 10-07-2025 Time: 17.30
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 11-07-2025 Time: 16.00
Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 14-07-2025 Time: 16.15
Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 16-07-2025 Time: 11.00
Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD, Chitradurga.

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ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, **2025–26** ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಜಮಖಂಡಿ ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಮುಧೋಳ ವಲಯದ ಹಲಗಲಿ ಅ.ಸ. ನಂ. : **338/27** ರಲ್ಲಿ ನೇಡುತೋಪು ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದೆ.

ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ : **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **25–06–2025** ರಂದು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ **12.00** ಗಂಟೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇನ್ನುಳಿದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಂದು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾಗದೇ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವಯಂ ಚಾಲಿತವಾಗಿ **07** ದಿನ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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Bad blood

India and Canada must use every opportunity to reset ties

Ten years after he last visited Canada, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will travel to Kananaskis, Alberta, as a special invitee to the G-7 summit outreach (June 15-17), with some hopes that the invitation from Prime Minister Mark Carney will give the two countries a chance to reset bilateral ties. Mr. Carney's call to Mr. Modi last Friday took many by surprise, as it appeared to come at the last-minute, and possibly after some back-channel calls to ensure neither side would be embarrassed by the outcome. Under fire for the invitation despite a pending trial against Indian government agents in Canada, Mr. Carney said, quite rightly, that India, as a major world economic force, deserves to be part of the G-7 outreach deliberations. Regardless of the reasoning, both the invitation and its acceptance indicate a desire on both sides to take India-Canada ties out of the present lows. In the past two years, after former Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau went public with thus far unsubstantiated allegations that India was behind the assassination of Khalistani activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, and was targeting other Canadian nationals, and RCMP officials even named Home Minister Amit Shah in the conspiracy, both countries have cut mission strengths down to a third. Canada suspended talks for a free trade agreement, while India temporarily stopped issuing visas to Canadians, citing persistent threats to Indian diplomats. Apart from considerable trade and investment, India and Canada are inextricably bound by their people – over 1.86 million are settled in Canada, but remain connected to India.

Given the tough task ahead, teams preparing for the Carney-Modi meeting must work with the utmost sensitivity. While ties have nosedived since 2023, they have had a history of bad blood dating back to the 1970s, primarily over the Khalistan issue. It would be naive to imagine that these issues can be resolved in a summit, but a considered decision by both leaders to publicly show respect for each other's positions is necessary. Returning the high commissioners and other diplomats to their posts is an imperative, along with a possible timeline for the restoration of trade talks. Speaking in Parliament, Mr. Carney said that Mr. Modi has agreed to a "law enforcement dialogue" where, no doubt, the Nijjar case and issues over Khalistani threats to Indian diplomats and community centres will come up, and the public messaging from the meeting will be the most important part of ensuring a path to improved relations. "Summit-level meetings" such as the one planned in Kananaskis can only open a door toward bettering ties; it is the necessarily tedious and painstaking talks behind the scenes that will actually allow the two countries to step through those doors and essay a different way of engaging each other.

Connecting bridge

The rail link will bring Kashmir closer to the rest of India

'Kashmir to Kanniyakumari' is a figurative expression to denote the geographical expanse of India, from its northernmost point to its southern tip, and for the first time in history these are connected by rail. With the inauguration of the 272-kilometre Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project which has been 28 years in the making, the Kashmir Valley has been connected to the national rail network. The tough, unsurmountable topography of the Himalayas challenged the engineering capabilities of the Indian Railways, but it has come out with flying colours. The engineering marvel, the Chenab Rail Bridge, that stands 35 metres higher than the Eiffel Tower, is the world's highest railway arch bridge at 359 metres above the riverbed. Spanning 1,315 m, it will endure wind speeds of up to 260 km per hour and has been built to last 120 years. Nearby, the Anji Khad Bridge, rises boldly across the rugged terrain as India's first cable-stayed railway bridge. Towering 331 m above the riverbed and stretching 725 m across, it is anchored by 96 high-tensile cables; 8,200 metric tonnes of structural steel went into its construction. Built at a cost of ₹43,780 crore, the USBRL link witnessed drilling of mountains to set up 36 tunnels that span 119 kilometres and 943 bridges through ridges and mountain passes.

Kashmir's decades of geographical isolation have finally come to an end. The Vande Bharat Express between Srinagar in the Kashmir region and Katra in the Jammu region, which was also flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, cuts the surface journey to three hours between the two points. Later this year, a scheduled direct train service between the national capital New Delhi and Srinagar will allow commuters to touch base in just 13 hours compared to over 24 hours in the past. The Vande Bharat Express, a long-distance high-speed service, is bound to end the psychological barriers, multiply the development dividend and act as a game changer for the economy of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). The train service has brought renewed hope to the region not long after the Pahalgam terror attack in April 2025 pushed India and Pakistan to a short conflict. India's 'Operation Sindoor', against terror infrastructure across the border, saw Pakistan ending the ceasefire agreement and targeting civilians, leaving 18 dead and over 1,500 houses damaged. While inaugurating the train service in Katra, Mr. Modi rightly described the rail link as "a symbol of a new, empowered J&K". The bridge will go a long way to bring the people of Kashmir closer to the rest of India.

Recounting Velpur's story in ending child labour

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Every year, June 12 is observed as World Day Against Child Labor (WDACL) under the auspices of the International Labour Organization (ILO). In an attempt to draw the attention of the world on the issue of child labour, the day brings together governments, employers and workers' organisations as well as civil society to work towards ending child labour. Though Sustainable Development Goal Target 8.7 calls on the global community to take effective measures to end child labour in all its forms by 2025, we are far from achieving this.

Child labour is prevalent all over the world, robbing many children of their basic right to live with dignity, enjoy their childhood and attain their full development potential. Across the world, 160 million children are estimated to be involved in child labour – which is almost one among 10 children. The Africa, Asia and the Pacific regions together account for almost nine out of every 10 children being in child labour. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the situation for many underprivileged children, when their schools closed, and their parents lost their jobs/wages. Many children who dropped out of school, and who were forced to work to supplement their family income, have not returned to school.

The extent of child labour in India

India has a significant incidence of child labour. Census 2011 estimated that 43.53 lakh children in the age group of five to 14 were involved in child labour due to factors such as poverty, non-accessibility and illiteracy. Child labour is preferred in beedi, carpet-weaving and firework factories.

India enacted the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act (CLPRA) in 1986, while the National Policy on Child Labour, 1987 sought to adopt a gradual and sequential approach with a focus on rehabilitation. Its action plan included strict enforcement of the CLPRA and implementation of the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) in areas where there is a high incidence of child labour. The CLPRA was replaced with the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016, which prohibited the employment of children below 14 and had provisions for the prohibition on employment of adolescents (14-18 years) in scheduled hazardous occupations. The Right to Education now mandates that the state shall provide free and compulsory education to all children in the age group six to 14 years.

Most drives against child labour have been effective but only for a short time. There are several instances of children who were engaged earlier in labour and who dropped out of school returning to their workplace. But there is a success story.

Twenty-four years later, there is 100% retention in schools and no child labour in this mandal in Telangana

The Velpur model

Velpur Mandal (tehsil) of Nizamabad district in erstwhile Andhra Pradesh (now Telangana), was once notorious for child labour. But in a dramatic way it became a rare exception of shunning child labour due to the total control, the commitment and the involvement of the local community. In June 2001, a drive involving the community was started in Velpur to ensure that all children in the age group of five to 15 years went to school and that no child would be engaged as labour in any form. After a sustained campaign for about 100 days, Velpur was declared to be a "child labour free mandal", on October 2, 2001. Twenty-four years later, there is 100% retention in schools and no child labour in a mandal once notorious for it.

The campaign to identify and track every out-of-school child and enrol them in schools was initially led by a committed set of officials. But the fact is that there was large-scale resistance in the beginning. Canards were spread that the teams moving in villages were part of a nationwide racket to kidnap children and sell their organs such as kidneys and eyes. Hotels refused to serve even tea, with those in hotels making sarcastic remarks that all their servers had joined school.

But after persistent efforts and discussions with the people, the tide began to turn. People began to cooperate and even transformed it as their movement. Children who were seen in work places were sent to bridge schools under the NCLP. Public meetings emphasised the necessity of education and the need for children to go to school. In these meetings, children recognised their (former) employers who let them stop work and go to school.

Under peer pressure, former employers also made a public announcement of writing off the balance amount (principal, the interest and penal interest) owed to them by the parents who took hand loans from them (the children were used as mortgage and as child labour till the amount was repaid). They even distributed school stationery to the children.

A study found that a total amount of about ₹35 lakh was written off – the price for a good cause. All sarpanchs signed a memorandum of understanding (as in the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Compulsory Primary Education Rules, 1982), with the government (district education officer in the presence of the District Collector) to ensure that all children in the five to 14 age group in their village were sent to school. The government in turn undertook to provide access, infrastructure and teachers. This was the first time that such an agreement had been signed between sarpanchs and the government. There is no child labour – an achievement that is very zealously guarded by the community. To cherish this proud achievement of being the first mandal in the State to be declared child labour free and to remind them of their commitment to sustain it, villagers erected boards in every village with the words, 'There is no child labour in our village'.

On October 8, 2021, as a part of the 'Azadi ka Amruth Mahotsav', the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, (VVGNLI) Noida, Uttar Pradesh (under the Ministry of Labor and Employment, Government of India) organised a programme in Nizamabad. The event was to celebrate 20 years of successful intervention "to eliminate child labour and the declaration of Veilpur Mandal, as Child labour free". All sarpanchs, caste elders, zilla parishad members and people involved in the campaign were honoured for their role in sustaining it. The challenge made to the local media to identify at least one child who was not in school had no takers. A leading news magazine had an exclusive report on this event.

The Velpur story is well documented and has been appreciated by the ILO and the media. Velpur has been visited by many experts in the fields of education and child labour. The former President of India, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, and members of the National Human Rights Commission India sent letters of appreciation.

The Velpur model, where there was the complete participation of the community in sustaining the fight against child labour, is an integral part of all training programmes that are organised by the VVGNLI. Made aware of its sustained success, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour, Textiles and Skill Development asked the then District Collector, who led this campaign, to make a presentation before it on November 24, 2022. The Parliamentary Standing Committee appreciated and acknowledged its success.

What is vital

This is a community-led success story that is testimony of the axiom that social issues can be successfully and sustainably addressed only if they metamorphose into a people's movement. It is a proud moment for this writer to have been associated with it. He was the Collector of Nizamabad district, when this drive against child labour was taken up in Velpur in 2001.

It is profit first, life and safety second

Sudha Ramalingam

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The tragic deaths in a stampede in Bengaluru on June 4, 2025, of 11 people who were part of a huge crowd that had gathered near the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium to celebrate the victory of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), after RCB's first-ever Indian Premier League (IPL) title in 2025, is a stark reminder of three issues. They are our national sense of disproportionate enthusiasm for victory; of government missionaries' lack of preparedness to contain crowd movement, and of people's sense of immortality. Despite knowing full well that such gatherings end as physically unsafe situations, we see people rush madly, throwing caution to the winds. Social media in particular and 24X7 visual media houses play a great role in adding much hype to these events. It is almost as if missing such an opportunity is akin to foregoing the most important part in one's life.

The aim is profits

Cricket, especially in India, has become a great money-spinning industry. Hence, those in charge do everything possible to draw in large crowds. The risk that such gatherings pose is known. Every such event results in crowds of people who are far more in number than the capacity of the venues. More footfalls spell more profits for every one in the business.

It is common knowledge that the licences and the necessary permissions for hosting such events are not granted by merely adhering to the rules and the regulations on paper. Much of these are linked to the 'showering of bounties' on those in power. Here is an example that happened during this IPL season. In a reported case during an RCB versus Chennai Super Kings match, in early May 2025, at the Chinnaswamy Stadium, the family of an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer fought with the family of an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer over free seating in the VIP gallery. The case resulted in a first information report being filed. While the many uncomfortable galleries are filled up in no time by those who pay for them, the VIP enclosures, which have the best seats and stadium and field views, are generally occupied by those who wield power and enjoy the freebies.

In India, the concept of safety in public spaces is missing

An industry which is most lucrative, with millions made in profits, offers paltry sums of money as compensation/solatium for those who lost their life in the stampede in Bengaluru. No amount of money can ever compensate the loss for the families concerned, and it only goes to show the scant respect and value for a common person's life.

It is time that whenever there is a gathering for an event that is governed by economic considerations and motives of profit, there is also provision made for a suitable caution deposit. With the said deposit money, the state ought to ensure the security and the safety of spectators or attendees.

When a small hall is granted a licence, the mandatory requirements include the number of entrance and exit points, the seating arrangements, a doctor on call, public conveniences, appropriate audio/visual systems and even parking facilities. Therefore, it is shocking that there is scant observance of safety requirements when very large crowds gather in closed/open air stadiums. Compliance with the rules and regulations is very poor in many such instances.

Scant safety

The concept of public safety in public spaces is practically absent. For example, food fairs are held in an unsafe manner and one finds open wiring running all over the floor. There is no safety when stoves are lit and there is large-scale food preparation that are done under combustible camping structures. There is no sense of fear and safety measures are 'more honoured in the breach, than the observance'. In an incident in Chennai, there were reports of several visitors at an amusement park stranded for hours on a giant wheel after the device experienced technical problems. They had to be rescued by the fire services department.

We, as a country, have no value for life. Most of our roads have no pedestrian walkways. There are no tracks marked for slow-moving vehicles. Motor cars and bullock carts traverse along the same roads in a fight for space. There is no respect for the pedestrian, who in turn faces grave danger in the form of speeding automobiles, broken pavements and aggressive stray animals.

The 11 dead in a stampede or the thousands of persons who die on our roads are just cold statistics for us. We have learnt to brush aside such tragic incidents by blaming it on karma. There are no lessons learnt. There is no accountability. Some officials are suspended while others are transferred. These are sure to be revoked at a later date.

Introduce a culture of audits

The need is to have a detailed and scientific study of crowd management by experts and execute their findings in an earnest way. A country with a population that has hit 146.39 crore cannot afford to falter on this issue. Without such an audit, it cannot call itself a civilised and advanced country and a nation that is safe for all its citizens. Every life is precious and there must be a dedication to ensure the safety of all.

Let us not lose life and limb by promoting the commerce of and the gains for the rich. Those who are hurt are mortals who fight battles every day for their daily bread. It is unfortunate that this too will pass with no lessons learnt. The rich will keep getting richer at the cost of the struggling masses if we do not act now for a better and safer tomorrow.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Report on population

The report by the United Nations Population Fund estimating India's population to have hit the 146.39 crore mark is alarming (Page 1, June 11). We face a ticking time bomb. At a time when poverty, inequality and unemployment levels have gone up, there is a dire need to arrest population growth on a war footing.

Prabhu Raj R.,
Bengaluru

While concerns over overpopulation have long dominated policy discussions, we are now entering an era where population stabilisation and eventual decline must be viewed through a different lens.

The projected peak of 170 crore in the next four decades indicates a crucial window for India to reap the demographic dividend. However, with declining fertility comes a future risk of an aging population, a shrinking workforce, and growing health-care burdens. Let this demographic shift be a catalyst for smarter and more inclusive policy-making.

Chidanand Kumar,
Bengaluru

Some States still have high fertility rates while others are well below replacement, creating uneven demographic shifts. The key is balanced population management, ensuring economic, social and environmental sustainability and good health for all.

Dr. O. Prasada Rao,
Hyderabad

A serious population survey should tell us whether India's population has attained a state of constancy or decline. Political partisanship should not deter us from undertaking this survey. This true picture should enable the recalibration of allocations and essential services.

M.V. Sridhara,
Mysuru

Cargo ship fire

The blaze on the *M.V. Wan Hai 503* off the Kerala coast is more than a mid-sea mishap. It is a searing indictment of maritime risk management.

The accident also exposes gaps in pre-emptive tracking, hazardous cargo disclosure and real-time monitoring.

India needs a robust marine emergency protocol and international collaboration for hazardous cargo ships transiting in our waters. Let this not drift into a routine and post-crisis clean-up operation. Prevention must sail ahead of reaction.

Gopalaswamy J.,
Chennai

Crime and media content

The report, on a murder in Meghalaya, is disturbing. In this connection, questions need to be raised about content being aired on some television channels, on crimes. In the name of presenting "dramatised versions of crime cases, with a view to opening the minds of viewers", more harm may be being caused.

Sarah Abraham,
Ponda, Goa

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A needless controversy over 'Bharat Mata'

Binoy Viswam

Secretary, Communist Party of India National Council, and former Rajya Sabha MP

Recently, an unexpected and unwarranted controversy erupted in Kerala in connection with World Environment Day, which is observed annually on June 5. Unfortunately, it was triggered by Raj Bhavan.

In Kerala, World Environment Day is widely observed every year. There is massive participation from the people, who plant thousands of saplings across the State. The day has become an occasion for the people to enrich their understanding of the environment and commitment to the cause of it.

The proposal

This year, the Department of Agriculture decided to conduct the inaugural function of World Environment Day at the premises of Raj Bhavan. The Governor, Rajendra Viswanath Arlekar, graciously agreed to inaugurate the event. On the eve of the function, while communicating the details of the programme to the Agriculture Minister's office, Raj Bhavan proposed that a new practice be followed and floral tributes be paid to a painting. On receiving this proposal, the Minister's office requested for more clarification. The Governor's office responded by sending a photograph of the painting, claiming it was the image of 'Bharat Mata'. Surprisingly, the image was the same one used by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) during its functions. Raj Bhavan's version depicted Bharat Mata sitting on a lion and holding a saffron flag, which resembled the flag of the RSS. In the backdrop of the painting was a map – and it was certainly not the map of the Indian Republic.

After some consultations, the Minister informed the Governor's office that it is improper to use and glorify such an image at an official function organised by the government. But due to reasons known only to him, the Governor insisted that the function would not be conducted without that image and with his participation. The government was forced to change the venue to the premises of the Secretariat. Every dignitory participated except the Governor.

Reportedly, during the function conducted in Raj Bhavan, the Governor glorified the saffron flag-holding Bharat Mata. He argued that it is the symbol of India. He also criticised the Kerala government and all those who were not ready to uphold his concept of Bharat Mata.

Under the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government at the Centre, controversies between the Governors and State governments have taken place not just in Kerala but also elsewhere. The Supreme Court has intervened in some of these instances. Now, thanks to Governor Arlekar, even Bharat Mata has taken centre stage in these controversies.

A dynamic concept

Bharat Mata is a concept with deep roots in the collective consciousness of the people of India. During the anti-colonial struggle, it was used by various groups with different sociopolitical orientations to inspire and unify all sections of society in the struggle for Independence. Nobody can argue that any particular version is the 'real' expression and face of Bharat Mata. This is a broad concept.

Bharat Mata has been interpreted by many according to their own concepts of nation, nationality, and world view. Over the course of time, the RSS, for its own purposes, may have come up with its own idea of Bharat Mata. Governor Arlekar as an individual has the right to believe that the Bharat Mata of the RSS is the only true portrait of the concept. Those with a particular ideological persuasion have the right to think that Bharat Mata should be holding a saffron flag. They would also appreciate finding her seated on a lion. For them, it is also befitting to have a specially drawn map in the backdrop of the painting of their Bharat Mata.

As per its ideological and organisational framework, the RSS has come up with a particular image of Bharat Mata that suits its dream of a 'Akhand Bharat' and its militant aggressive nationalism. In RSS shakhas, this version of Bharat Mata may be eulogised. But conceptions of Bharat Mata are abstract and varied. It is futile to impose any one version as the only acceptable and authentic version. The matter becomes even more complicated when the RSS tries to foist its ideological and political preoccupations upon official functions. Governor Arlekar, who has great experience in public life, is expected to know this basic principle. Those who hold constitutional positions cannot show their political leanings. The dividing line between their political commitment and official responsibility should be deeply inscribed in their minds.

What Nehru said

The Governor, and the people who follow his ideological track, may not be happy with former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru for various reasons. But Nehru must be remembered on this occasion. He wrote, "Sometimes as I reached a gathering, a great roar of welcome would greet me: Bharat Mata ki Jai – Victory to Mother India. I would ask them unexpectedly what they meant by that cry, who was this Bharat Mata... India was all this that they had thought, but it was much more. The mountains and the rivers of India, and the forests and the broad fields... were all dear to us, but what counted ultimately were the people of India, people like them and me, who were spread out all over this vast land. Bharat Mata, Mother India, was essentially these people. You are parts of this Bharat Mata, I told them, you are in a manner yourselves Bharat Mata, and as this idea slowly soaked into their brains, their eyes would light up as if they had made a great discovery."

The RSS cannot foist its ideological and political preoccupations upon official functions

Father, son, and a war of words

The rift between S. Ramadoss and Anbumani Ramadoss is fuelled by desperation

STATE OF PLAY

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In 2011, during the run-up to the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) leader S. Ramadoss visited DMK leader M. Karunanidhi at his Gopalapuram residence to invite him for a family wedding. Karunanidhi did not miss the opportunity to rope the PMK into the DMK-led alliance, even though the PMK had contested the 2009 Lok Sabha elections as part of the AIADMK alliance. The PMK had failed to win a single seat in that election, despite being considered a powerful ally capable of tilting the scales of victory for any alliance. Yet, this perception of the party being a strong ally led Karunanidhi to generously allot 30 seats to the PMK and seal the alliance. However, the PMK managed to secure only three seats, proving that its decline had actually begun as early as 2009.

Dr. Ramadoss, a medical doctor by qualification, has always played his political cards carefully, switching alliances from one election to another, but failing to gauge the shifting sands of Tamil Nadu politics. In 2009, the PMK suffered defeat by aligning with the AIADMK. It was routed again in the 2011 polls. The emergence of the Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam, led by actor Vijayakant, in 2005, also eclipsed the PMK's influence in many areas.

The party has never been able to reclaim its past glory, despite having been part of the Union government from 1998 to 2009. During that time, Anbumani Ramadoss, Dr. Ramadoss's son, held the health portfolio (2004-09). Today, despite its organisational strength and the support of the Vanniyars, its core base, the party finds itself at a crossroads due to the growing rift between Dr. Ramadoss and Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss.

In the 1980s, Dr. Ramadoss mobilised the Vanniyars by championing their claim for Most Backward Class status. After the DMK government led by Karunanidhi granted 20% reservation by grouping together several communities, including the Vanniyars, Ramadoss founded the PMK. In a symbolic gesture reminiscent of Piloo Mody, Dr. Ramadoss sent Panruti S. Ramachandran, the PMK's lone MLA in 1991, to the Assembly riding an elephant – the symbol on which he won. The party performed well in the 1996, 2001, and 2006 Assembly elections.

The PMK entered the national stage when Dr. Ramadoss joined the AIADMK-BJP alliance in 1998 and secured a Union Cabinet berth for Dalit Ezhilmalai, the party's general secretary. He remained with the BJP even after Jayalalithaa toppled the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led government. This paid off as the BJP-DMK combine made good gains in 1999. The PMK was allotted two ministerial berths in the BJP-led government. In 2004, along with the DMK, it joined the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance, and Anbumani Ramadoss became a Union Minister in the Manmohan Singh government.

Dr. Ramadoss, who once acted as a bridge between the Vanniyars and Dalits, also sought to shed the image of being a solely Vanniyar party by espousing Tamil identity and working closely with Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi leader Thol. Thirumavalavan and Tamil nationalist leader Pazha Nedumaran. However, successive electoral defeats forced him to take refuge in caste-based politics. He even ran a campaign targeting the Scheduled Castes (SCs), accusing their youth of wearing jeans and sunglasses and luring girls from other communities for their wealth. In 2012, the tragic death of Dharmapuri Ilavarasan, an SC man, who married Divya, a Vanniyar woman, caused deep damage to the PMK's image. Since then, it has not been able to shed the 'Vanniyar party' image.

The current war of words between father and son has crossed all limits and shocked observers who have followed the PMK for decades. Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss had always said that his father is his role model and has acknowledged his organisational skills.

The absence of political power and influence seems to have made Dr. Ramadoss desperate and angry. He is probably making a last-ditch effort to secure a stable future for the party as the Tamil Nadu political space is too crowded. His ego does not permit even his son to interfere with his schemes. He knows well that Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss, who rose swiftly within the party ranks, could overshadow him, and he is not prepared for that. Neither his family members nor outsiders, including Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh ideologue S. Gurumurthy, can convince the unreconstructed Dr. Ramadoss.

Violent crimes by juveniles have increased in India

In 2022, nearly half the juveniles apprehended in India were accused of violent offences

DATA POINT

Sambavi Parthasarathy

Adolescence, a British miniseries released a few months ago, tells the chilling story of a 13-year-old boy, Jamie, who murders his classmate, Katie. It was critically acclaimed for its single-take format, powerful performances, seamless direction, and excellent storytelling.

More importantly, the series sparked conversations not just in the U.K. but worldwide about issues such as cyberbullying, involuntary celibate (incel) subculture, casual online misogyny, the behavioural shifts in adolescence, and the increasingly complex world that boys find themselves navigating today.

The series sought to examine why a young boy committed a violent crime. This is an important attempt as data shows that violent crimes by juveniles are rising across the world, including in India. Violent crimes include sexual offences such as rape, acts of physical violence such as murder, bodily injury or attempted murder, and other offences such as arson, dacoity, and robbery. Offences such as rash driving, causing death by negligence, forgery, cheating, trespassing, fraud, pickpocketing, thefts, and obscene acts in public places have been excluded from this analysis as they are all considered mostly non-violent in nature.

Chart 1 shows the share of youth apprehended for violent crimes out of all the youth apprehended for criminal offences in select countries between 2016 and 2020. Even in the brief period considered, the share of youth apprehended for violent crimes rose considerably. For instance, in the U.K., the share increased from 50% to 57% among juveniles.

The pattern is the same in India too. Last month, a 13-year-old boy in Hubli, Karnataka, was taken into custody for stabbing his 15-year-old friend following an argument over chips. In another incident last month, police in Chennai arrested 12 people – seven of them minors – for the alleged rape and sexual assault of a 13-year-old girl.

While the total number of juveniles in conflict with the law declined from 37,402 in 2017 to 33,261 in 2022 in India, the share of those apprehended for violent offences steadily increased **(Chart 2).** In 2016, of all the juveniles apprehended, 32.5% were caught for committing violent crimes. By 2022, this figure had risen to 49.5%. This means that half the juveniles who were in conflict with the law were apprehended for violent offences.

A State-wise breakdown of violent crimes committed by juveniles in India shows that Madhya Pradesh accounted for 21.8% of all such cases between 2017 and 2022, followed by Maharashtra with 18% **(Chart 3)**. Rajasthan (9.6%), Chhattisgarh (8.4%), and Tamil Nadu (5.8%) ranked third, fourth, and fifth, respectively. Delhi stood out. Despite its relatively small size, the capital accounted for 6.8% of all violent crimes committed by juveniles in the country, possibly due to better policing and reporting of such cases.

Regarding the proportion of violent crimes among all juvenile offences within each State, Jharkhand had the highest share (67%) in the 2017 to 2022 period. In Tripura, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, over 60% of the juvenile offences can be classified as violent in the same period. **Map 4** shows the proportion of violent crimes among all juvenile offences within each State.

Chart 3 and Map 4, when read together, show that many central and eastern States are hotspots for violent juvenile crimes, with Madhya Pradesh being the most affected. Odisha, however, remains an exception in the region, with only 10% of all juvenile crimes being violent in nature.

Chart 1: The % of juveniles apprehended for violent crimes out of all the juveniles apprehended **in select nations** (2016-2020)

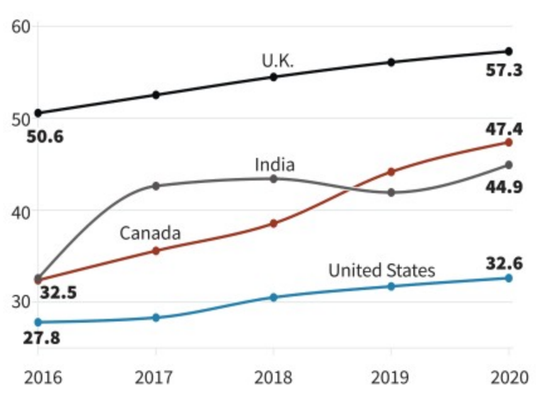


Chart 2: The % of juveniles apprehended for violent offences out of all the juveniles apprehended **in India** (2016-2022)

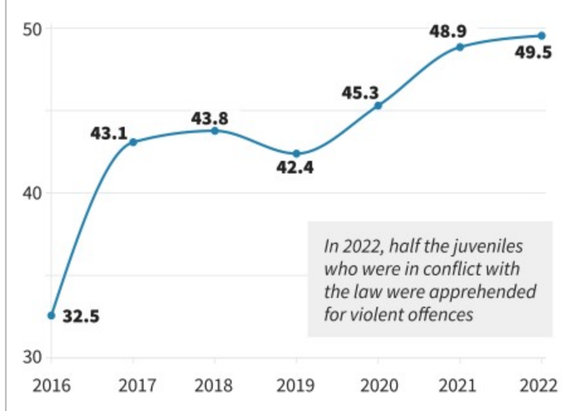
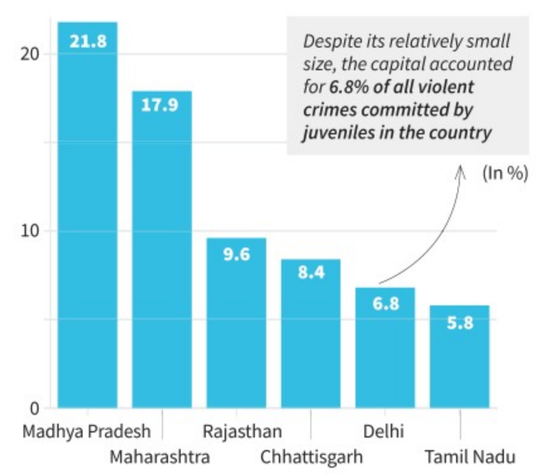


Chart 3: State-wise breakdown of violent crimes committed by juveniles in India (2017-2022). Only top States are depicted



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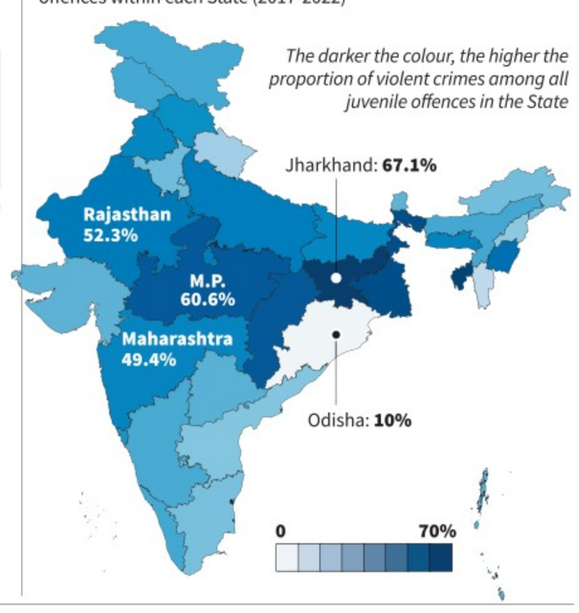

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 12, 1975

Proposals to attract remittances from Indians abroad

New Delhi, June 11: The Union Finance Ministry is examining the feasibility of making it obligatory for Indians taking jobs abroad to remit to the country a certain proportion (about 10 per cent) of their earnings every year. The remittances may be made either to their relatives in the country or credited to a bank account maintained in India.

This is among the three proposals which the Reserve Bank of India has been asked to examine in detail and comment upon. The other proposals are: (i) The feasibility of permitting non-resident Indians living abroad to maintain bank accounts in India in the unit of a convertible foreign currency, either the pound sterling or the dollar and (ii) permitting them to invest in company shares in India. The Reserve Bank is already stated to have commented on these proposals in detail. The contents of its note to the Finance Ministry are not known, but they seem to be by and large favourable.

The Finance Ministry was prompted to consider the question of permitting non-resident Indians living abroad to keep their remittances to India in the unit of account of a foreign currency to protect their savings from any erosion on account of the fall in the rupee value. Under the existing banking laws, this is not permissible.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 12, 1925

Railway terminal facilities

Calcutta, June 11: In reply to the communication received from the Railway Board on the 18th April, regarding the Calcutta Railway terminal facilities, the committee of the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce state that in their opinion Sealdah would be a more convenient terminus for the East Indian Mail and passenger trains. They observe that the existing Howrah Bridge and the roads on either side of the river approaching it cannot conveniently carry the heavy traffic that passes over the bridge and that it will be a long time before the construction of the bridge may be completed. The Committee are aware that to give effect to the above recommendation it will be necessary to enlarge and remodel the Sealdah Station and they consider the change advisable.

From Page One

India, U.S. inch closer to limited trade agreement

Following the March tariff hike, the Indian government had protested and had, in May, informed the World Trade Organization that it reserved the right to impose reciprocal tariffs on the U.S.. Since then, however, the matter has been discussed bilaterally between the two countries.

"On [the U.S.] side, they want us to open up our agriculture market too much, much more than we can afford to do and also protect our own farmers," the official added. "So that's also something that's being sticky."

Tatkal ticket booking will require Aadhaar

"For AC classes, this restriction applies from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., and for non-AC classes, from 11 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.," the spokesperson said.

These changes, the Ministry noted, are intended to strengthen user authentication mechanisms and ensure that the Tatkal quota benefits genuine passengers.

The Railways has urged passengers to link their Aadhaar numbers with their IRCTC user profiles to avoid any inconvenience.

Additionally, the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) and IRCTC have been instructed to implement the required system modifications and inform all Zonal Railways and relevant departments accordingly.

Two Maoists killed in Sukma; govt. to continue operations

Operation carried out by local police and District Reserve Guards based on intel inputs; those dead are a local commander with a ₹5 lakh reward on his head and an unidentified woman

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Two Maoists, including a Local Organisation Squad Commander carrying a reward of ₹5 lakh on his head, were killed by security forces during an operation in Chhattisgarh's Sukma on Wednesday, the police said. Earlier, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said that such anti-Naxal operations, which are usually called off during the rainy season, would continue through the monsoon.

Sukma Superintendent of Police Kiran S. Chavan said that a joint team of Kukanar Police Station staff and Sukma District Reserve Guards had launched a search operation on Tuesday afternoon, based on reliable intelligence inputs regarding the presence of cadres of the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist) in the region.

Under a control: A total of 425 Maoists have been killed in Chhattisgarh over the past year and a half. FILE PHOTO

During the search operation, which began around 2 p.m., there were multiple exchanges of fire between the security forces and the Maoists. "Following the exchange of fire, the dead bodies of two Naxals, including that of a woman cadre, have been recovered from the site," Mr. Chavan said.

Preliminary identification efforts indicated that one of the deceased was Baman, the Local Organisation Squad Commander of Pedaras, who was carrying a reward of ₹5 lakh on his head, Mr. Chavan said. The identity of the female Naxal cadre recovered after the encounter is yet to be ascertained.

According to the police, one INSAS rifle and one 12-bore rifle, along with other arms, ammunition, and explosive materials, were recovered from the site of the operation.

Operation impact

Earlier in the day, the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister said that 425 Naxals had been killed in the State over the last year and a half. He added that 1,388 Naxals had surrendered, and 1,443 had been arrested during the same period.

Addressing a press conference in Raipur to mark the completion of 11 years of the Narendra Modi-led government, Mr. Sai credited the Prime Minister for the recent successes on the Maoist front.

Asked about anti-Naxal operations during the monsoon months when they usually wane, Mr. Sai acknowledged that there are some difficulties during the rains, but insisted that the operations would continue.

Men who indulged in riots made to clear debris in Manipur

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Manipur Police invoked community service provisions under the new criminal law making detained individuals sweep streets and clear debris during the recent spate of violence triggered by the arrest of an Arambai Tenggol (AT) member by the Central Bureau of Investigation on June 8.

On June 9, the Manipur Police detained 19 men for their involvement in street violence in Imphal East district.

"These individuals were found blocking roads, harassing commuters, and creating public disturbances, mostly under the influence of alcohol. Their actions caused inconvenience to the law-abiding citizens and disrupted public order," the police said in a statement.

Bond signed

A police official said that the 19 men were not arrested but booked under prohibitory sections of the law and were released after signing a "good behaviour" bond in the presence of their families.

Community service provisions under the new criminal law were invoked by the police.

Section 4 (F) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) defines community service as one of the punishments.

"Before they were released, the police made them clear the roads they had blocked. They were made to sweep the streets and remove the debris in the presence of police," said the police official.

Rahul writes to PM, flags poor hostel conditions for marginalised students

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, flagged the "deplorable" conditions in residential hostels for Dalit, Scheduled Tribes (STs), Extremely Backward Classes (EBC), Other Backward Classes (OBC), and minority students, and the delay in providing post-matriculation scholarships for students from marginalised communities.

Urging Mr. Modi to resolve these two critical issues, he said they hampered opportunities for the 90% students from these communities.

"Firstly, the conditions in residential hostels for students from Dalit, ST, EBC, OBC, and minority communities are deplorable. During a recent visit to Ambedkar Hostel in Darbhanga, Bihar, students complained about single rooms which 6-7 students were forced to share, unhygienic toilets, unsafe drinking water, lack of mess facilities, and no access to libraries or the internet," Mr. Gandhi said in his letter of June 10, made public on Wednesday.

Voicing concerns: Congress MP Rahul Gandhi during his visit to Ambedkar Hostel, in Darbhanga. FILE PHOTO

"Secondly, post-matric scholarships for students from marginalised communities are plagued by delays and failures," he added, citing the example of Bihar, where the Congress leader claimed the scholarship portal had been non-functional for three years.

"Even thereafter, the number of Dalit students receiving scholarships fell by nearly half, from 1.36 lakh in FY23 to 0.69 lakh in FY24. Students further complain that the scholarship amounts are insultingly low," Mr. Gandhi said.

He said that these "failures" were widespread across the country. He called for an audit of every hostel for students from Dalit, ST, EBC, OBC, and minority communities.

Mr. Gandhi also appealed for the disbursement of scholarships on time, an increase in the scholarship amounts, and improved execution of post-matriculation scholarships by working closely with State governments. "I am sure you agree that India cannot progress unless youth from marginalised communities progress. I look forward to your positive response," he said.

Railways suspends four officials for sending 'old' train for BSF personnel

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Four railway officials were suspended after a run-down train arrived in Tripura on June 9 to transport 1,200 Border Security Force (BSF) personnel from Tripura to Jammu and Kashmir, where they are to be deployed for security arrangements during the upcoming Amarnath Yatra.

BSF personnel had posted several videos on social media on Tuesday, which showed the train in a precarious condition. It showed garbage strewn around in the non-air-conditioned train, with the toilets dirty and unusable, the roof collapsed at multiple points, the seats worn out, and cockroaches milling around on the floor.

Women personnel of the BSF keep vigil near the India-Pakistan border ahead of the Amarnath Yatra, in Jammu, on June 3. PTI

Railway officials said another special train was being arranged for the journey of the jawans.

The Railway Ministry said in a statement that Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw had taken serious note of the incident involving the deployment of an "unsuitable/old train" for BSF personnel. "In response to the lapse, four officials from the Alipurduar Division have been placed under immediate suspension," it said.

"The Railway Minister has made it clear that that such negligence will not be tolerated at any level," it added.

"The Ministry of Railways has also ordered a detailed inquiry into the entire incident. All efforts are being made to ensure that such lapses do not recur in the future," the statement said.

Cabinet approves ₹6,405 cr. railway projects

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved two multi-tracking projects of the Ministry of Railways with a total estimated cost of ₹6,405 crore.

The projects include the Koderma-Barkakana doubling project, spanning 133 km through a major coal-producing region in Jharkhand. "Furthermore, it serves as the shortest and most efficient rail link between Patna and Ranchi," the Ministry of Railways said in a statement. The second approved project involves doubling the Ballari-Chikjajur line, extending 185 km. The alignment traverses Ballari and Chitradurga districts of Karnataka and Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh.

According to the Ministry, both projects will significantly enhance line capacity, improve operational efficiency, and boost service reliability.

The combined length of the projects – 318 km – covers seven districts across the three States and will improve connectivity to approximately 1,408 villages.

UPSC declares the results of Civil Service prelims exam

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on Wednesday declared the results of the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination 2025. The exam was held on May 25.

The UPSC shared a list of roll numbers of successful candidates who have qualified for the Civil Services (Main) Examination on its website, according to an official statement.

Candidates were informed that marks, cut-off marks and answer keys of the preliminary exam would be uploaded on the commission's website upsc.gov.in only after the entire process of the Civil Services examination and Indian Forest Service Examination was over with the declaration of the final result, the statement said.

Candidates may obtain any information/clarification regarding their result on all working days between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., in person or by phone (011-23385271, 011-23098543 or 011-23381125) from the facilitation counter in New Delhi, said the statement.

Tamil translation of books on Kanchi Mahaswamigal released at Tirupati

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The seer of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Sri Shankara Vijayendra Saraswati Shankaracharya, on Tuesday released the Tamil translations of two volumes of the book published by The Hindu Group titled, *Embodiment of Truth - Kanchi Mahaswami* (*Unmayin Avatharam - Kanchi Mahaswami*), at the Kanchi Math's branch in Tirupati.

He appreciated The Hindu Group for its role in bringing the teachings and discourses of the 68th seer of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati Shankaracharya Mahaswamigal, to the public. He said the two volumes were published in English earlier, and based on requests, the Tamil version had been published.

Sri Shankara Vijayendra Saraswati Shankaracharya and junior pontiff Sri Satya Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya during the book release function in Tirupati. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Shankaracharya said the book detailed Mahaswamigal's life, spiritual journeys, public discourses, teachings, and the widespread reception he received, which were compiled from news reports and photographs published in *The Hindu*. It also includes his personal experiences with Mahaswamigal, the Shankaracharya said.

The Shankaracharya highlighted the close relationship between the Kanchi Math and The Hindu Group, recalling Mahaswamigal's visit to *The Hindu* office.

The first and second copies of the books were received by Professor Devanathachariar of the National Sanskrit University, Tirupati, and P. Vaidyanathan, Chairman, Integrated Enterprises, respectively. Prior to the release, special rituals were held at the Kamakshi Amman temple in Kancheepuram and Mahaswamigal's Adhishtanam at the Kanchi Math.

The price of the two volumes is ₹799. As a limited period launch offer, they can be bought at ₹599. Readers can get the copies by visiting *The Hindu* bookstore website: *https://publications.thehindugroup.com/bookstore/*

On 11th anniversary, Modi government makes a pitch to the 'Amrit generation'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its leaders marked 11 years of the Narendra Modi government with programmes showcasing the development work undertaken by the Centre.

Financial inclusion through Jan Dhan accounts, investments in roads and airports, health insurance, and digital infrastructure projects were listed as among the government's efforts for the common people, especially the younger generations.

A presentation during a media interaction with Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Wednesday demonstrated the work undertaken by the Centre.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw presented the achievements of the government on Wednesday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

An interesting element in a video presented alongside was the coinage of the term "Amrit generation" for those who had been infants or children in 2014 when Mr. Modi first came to power, and are now teens or young adults entering higher education or even the job market.

Mr. Modi had been at the forefront of promoting the "neo-middle class", which had formed a major chunk of the BJP's support base from 2014 onwards, and the term "Amrit generation" seems to be another such coinage.

The video made special mention of Atal Tinkering Labs, the New Education Policy, start-up ecosystems, self-reliance in terms of defence manufacturing, Lakhpati and drone didis, and direct benefit transfer schemes for subsidies as measures that would mostly benefit the "Amrit generation", rather than those who were young before 2014. The phraseology and the enumeration of the government's work is an effort to position Mr. Modi's tenure as one that has served as a launch pad for the prosperity of a generation that came of age in "Amrit Kaal" or the 75th year of India's Independence, and the BJP is looking at support from this new cohort.

The third iteration of the Modi government completed a year on June 9.

‘Hindi can be taught along with English and mother tongue’

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister says that in this age of technology and artificial intelligence, language is not an issue at all, and people are unnecessarily sticking to their old traditions; on Centre-State relations, he says there should be uniform policy to develop at a fast pace, but there should not be an over-centralisation of power, as it is harmful for the nation; says PM Modi has a long-term vision

INTERVIEW

N. Chandrababu Naidu

Varghese K. George

N. Chandrababu Naidu has completed one year in his current term as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. He speaks on a wide range of issues in an exclusive interview. Edited excerpts:

How do you see your first year of this term as Chief Minister?

Power is not new to me. But I had not expected the kind of challenges that I inherited – the damage that was inflicted on Brand Andhra Pradesh, collapse of the economy. And today, I cannot run away from these difficulties because people have put their trust in me. It’s a huge responsibility, and we need to recover slowly.

Is public finance the biggest challenge?

No, it is not just public finance. The State’s credibility was destroyed (by the previous government). There is massive debt. And they started pledging government properties for more borrowing. They diverted the money granted for 98 Central schemes, which came to a halt. Schemes such as Jal Jeevan Mission were stopped. I have given six guarantees – Super Six – (schemes such as cooking gas refill, free bus ride for women, and so on) to the people. My agenda is welfare, development, empowerment of people.

In your first term, you were a darling of the market, and you had famously said, “There is no free lunch.” How have your views changed over the years?

At one time, we thought economic reforms would create wealth, and people would get more facilities, but now with an experience of 34 years, we understand that market creates wealth but the government, through public policy, has to empower people. That is where expenditure in welfare comes in. Disparities between the ‘haves’ and ‘have-nots’ are increasing rapidly, which should be bridged quickly. Otherwise, there will be huge backlash. This is why I am creating the P4 model – public, private, people partnership.

You have revived the Amaravati city project. How is the progress after one year?

The previous regime had worked against the wishes and interest of the State and people. Amaravati was a self-financing project. It would have created wealth and additional revenues for the State. But my successor halted the project, playing destructive politics. Now, I have revived it and many other projects.

So all these big projects need a lot of money and you do not have it...

These are all futuristic projects. We can go for new revenue models. Thirty years back nobody could visualise the kind of roads we have today. People are paying toll, and it is a win-win situation for everyone. Power, telecommunication, etc., are the rising sectors, and we can have different revenue models.

In Andhra Pradesh, the hostility between the ruling party and the Opposition is now extreme – prosecutions and investigations. Why?

For 50 years, I have been in politics. I have seen several Congress Chief Ministers until Rajasekhara Reddy, and our fights have been only political. Things changed when a criminal floated a regional party. I don’t believe in victimisation. At the same time, if we let economic terrorists scot-free that would lead to a disaster, which Andhra Pradesh is going through right now. This is a different type of politics. You see, his uncle Vivekananda Reddy was murdered, they killed him... this leads to a dangerous trend. There can be no leniency... nobody can commit crimes under political cover-up, everyone has to respect the laws of the land.

You mentioned the Central schemes. The State government funds these projects in good measure, but they are projected as Central schemes. Do you find any problem in that?

NAGARA GOPAL

No, this is a continuous process, and now we are part of NDA and are working together. We are a double-engine *sarkar*. They (the Centre) are providing grants, and we too bear some expenses. We are working and campaigning together. We did not have much differences regarding this even in 2014. There should be uniform policy to develop at a fast pace, but there should not be an over-centralisation of power, as it is harmful for the nation.

Regional parties are facing a crisis, aren’t they? What future do you see for the Telugu Desam Party?

Post Independence, new parties have emerged and collapsed. It’s a cycle, because ultimately, for any political party to survive, they have to maintain people’s trust in them. And that’s what TDP is doing. Through all the ups and downs we faced, including the separation of Telangana from Andhra Pradesh, and many other challenges, our foremost duty is to serve people efficiently.

You are confident that the TDP will be around for a long time?

Absolutely. You can go through history, and you will find that among all the regional parties, TDP is the only party that has played a positive and constructive role at the national level. Never have we disappointed the nation’s trust or interest. Our fundamental principle has always been – first the nation, then the State, and then the party. We were once the main Opposition party in Lok Sabha. We were key constituents in the National Front and the United Front governments. We supported the NDA governments as a crucial partner, but we never created trouble or blackmailed them.

So you have been part of several political alliances in Delhi. Do you see any changes in the way coalition is run today?

No, it is a continuous process, and it mostly depends upon the leader. In West Bengal, Jyoti Basu ran a coalition government for 25 years with Left parties, without any hindrance. It is important to know how to lead as a leader – Vajpayee*ji* at one time, and UPA too have run coalition governments. Narendra Modi*ji* is running a coalition without any problems. It is because of the credibility that we have established as one entity.

What difference do you see between Vajpayee*ji* and Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

Different leaders, different approaches. Today, it’s a fortunate and inspiring time, I believe India and Indians will have a bright future in the coming years. The PM has a long-term vision, a good grasp of the economy, and capability to take people along. I am confident that India will grow under his leadership. Vajpayee*ji* had brought good reforms during his tenure, in which I had a part too. That helped the nation to move forward, but today we are moving to the next level. PM is doing justice and promoting development. In protection of the nation, there is no compromise. After the Pahalgam attack, how he acted promptly... through Operation Sindoor, which satisfied the nation and demonstrated his capability in responding, handling such things.

Moving on, do you see any danger of communalism in our society?

Some parties with vested interest try to create instability... Within country, and outside the country, which is to derail our progress. We have to work on these issues consciously. It’s the only way for the nation to prosper. Everybody’s free to offer prayers... but they should not quarrel and must respect each other to move forward.

Your plans for the new phase of industrialisation in Andhra Pradesh, and also a proposal for a defence corridor. Can you explain?

In defence, we are trying to develop our own indigenous capacity. Aerospace is a booming sector. We are working on drones and space industry too. I believe the high-tech industry is the future for defence and commercial applications. Andhra Pradesh has a lot of land available for setting up these facilities. Defence corridor is part of these plans.

In the run-up to Telugu Desam’s Mahanadu conference recently, there was lot of anticipation that your son, Lokesh, would be assuming a role that makes him your successor. It did not happen. Will it happen, and when will it happen?

It will happen in its due time. Public interest is the main factor. It is a continuous journey, and our party is full of youngsters.

There is a lot of concern among non-Hindi States, including Maharashtra, about the three-language policy. Do you have any such fears?

No, in this age of technology and artificial intelligence, according to me, language is not an issue at all. People are unnecessarily sticking to their old traditions. Hindi can be taught along with English and mother tongue. For example, people from Hyderabad have a better advantage in Delhi as they speak Hindi and Urdu than people from Tamil Nadu or Karnataka. Learning more languages help individuals communicate and get things done more easily. If youngsters are willing to learn they should be allowed to learn, just like one learns English to communicate and become a citizen at international level, without needing any translators. In the same way, learning Hindi will give you an advantage at national level. I want to introduce many languages as an option in universities, so that those who are interested can learn.

Centre trying to kill rural employment scheme, says Jairam

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress has accused the government of trying to throttle the flagship rural employment programme – Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) – after it was revealed that for the first time since its implementation, the Centre has capped its spending at 60% of its annual allocation for the first half of the financial year 2025-26.

Sharing a media report on the issue on X, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said, “How to kill MGNREGA in three easy steps – Step I: Starve MGNREGA of funds for a decade, resulting in stagnant wages and a massive rise in pending dues - amounting to ₹21,000 crores as of the beginning of this financial year. Step II: Introduce the Finance Ministry’s Monthly/Quarterly Expenditure Plan, restricting MGNREGA expenditure in the first six months of the financial year to 60% of the annual budget.”

Step three, he said, would be to stop providing work due to budget shortfall after payment of pending dues. “Step I and II are in motion. Step III is coming soon,” he added.

He said what needs to be done instead is that MGNREGS wages must be increased to ₹400 per day.

He said that the Aadhaar-based Payment Bridge Systems must not be made mandatory. Wages must be paid within the statutory period of 15 days and any delay must be compensated, he said.

Constitution does not avert its gaze from caste, poverty, injustice: CJI

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai has hailed the Indian Constitution as an unpretentious social document that does not avert its gaze from the brutal truths of caste, poverty, exclusion and injustice in the country.

“It [the Constitution] does not pretend that all are equal in a land scarred by deep inequality. Instead, it dares to intervene, to rewrite the script, to recalibrate power, and to restore dignity,” Chief Justice Gavai said in his recent Oxford Union speech on “From representation to realisation: embodying the Constitution’s promise”.

Justice Gavai, who is the second Chief Justice of India from the Dalit community, credited the freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution for his journey from a municipal school to the office of the Chief Justice of India.

CJI B.R. Gavai

‘A quiet revolution’

“Many decades ago, millions of citizens of India were called ‘untouchables’. They were told they were impure. They were told that they did not belong. They were told that they could not speak for themselves. But here we are today – where a person belonging to those very people is speaking openly, as the holder of the highest office in the judiciary of the country. This is what the Constitution of India did. It told the people of India that they belong, that they can speak for themselves, and that they have an equal place in every sphere of society and power... At the Oxford Union today, I stand before you to say: for India’s most vulnerable citizens, the Constitution is not merely a legal charter or a political framework. It is a feeling, a lifeline, a quiet revolution etched in ink,” the Chief Justice said in his speech on Tuesday.

The CJI said the oppressed classes in India had never sought charity after centuries of exclusion and silence. “Their call was for recognition, dignity, and protection in the new India. They sought not charity, but a rightful space in the fabric of a free and constitutional democracy. To be seen in the Constitution was to be seen by the nation. To be included in its text was to be included in its future,” he said.

The CJI said one of the most remarkable and often overlooked truths in the framing of the Indian Constitution was that many of the nation’s most vulnerable social groups were not merely subjects of Constitutional concern, they were active participants in its making.

Preparing the electoral rolls is one of world’s most transparent exercises: CEC

Political parties, candidates, voters, the police and the media, acting as concurrent auditors, says Kumar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Preparation of the electoral rolls in India is among the world’s most “rigorous and transparent” exercises and elections are held under the close watch of political parties, candidates, voters, the police and the media, who act as “concurrent auditors”, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has said.

He was delivering the keynote address at the Stockholm International Conference on Electoral Integrity in Sweden on Wednesday. It is his first public statement after Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, in an article in a leading daily, said that “industrial scale rigging” had taken place during the Maharashtra Assembly election in 2024.

Mr. Kumar underscored that since 1960, the electoral roll had been shared with all recognised political parties every year during revision and before the election, said a press release issued by the Election Commission. The exercise is open to “claims, objections and appeals”, making it “one of the world’s most rigorous and transparent exercises, reinforcing the accuracy and integrity of the electoral process”, he said.

Massive scale

He spoke on the “massive scale” of the poll process, especially during the parliamentary election.

The CEC highlighted the scale of coordination that underpins the conduct of elections in India.

With over 20 million personnel, including polling staff, police forces, observers, and agents of political parties during the process, the Election Commission becomes the world’s largest organisation, surpassing the combined workforce of several national governments and major global corporations and ensures that India’s nearly one billion electors are freely able to exercise their franchise, he said.

The CEC noted that this robust mechanism has played a vital role in upholding electoral credibility across the country for years.

Over 100 participants representing election management bodies of around 50 countries are taking part in the conference.

Gehlot says he has never kept distance from Pilot

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Signalling truce with his former deputy Sachin Pilot, former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Wednesday said they were “never distant”.

Mr. Gehlot spoke at an event to commemorate the 25th death anniversary of former Union Minister and Mr. Pilot’s father, Rajesh Pilot, at Dausa in Rajasthan.

The event, which included a tribute and an exhibition on Mr. Rajesh’s life and legacy, became an occasion for the Congress to display internal cohesion and unity.

“When were we ever far apart? We were never distant. Love and affection remain and will continue to remain,” Mr. Gehlot responded when presspersons asked him about the political message behind the two leaders coming together. Mr. Gehlot also paid rich tributes to Mr. Rajesh’s legacy.

Relief to Congress

The new-found bonhomie between Mr. Gehlot and Mr. Pilot would provide relief to the Congress, which has been caught in a leadership tussle since the 2018 Assembly election.

Rahul and Stalin wish Lalu on 78th birthday

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Rashtriya Janata Dal chief Lalu Prasad celebrated his 78th birthday with family members and party workers here on Wednesday.

Wishes poured in from leaders across the country.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi posted on X “Heartfelt birthday wishes to Lalu Prasad *Ji*. The bond between us has never been limited to politics – it has been a deep human connection, rooted in shared values and the struggle for social justice.”

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, in a post on X, called him a pioneer in Indian politics, who placed the marginalised at the centre of power.

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INBRIEF

India and U.K. carry out joint naval exercise in Arabian sea

The Indian Navy's stealth frigate *INS Tabar*, a submarine, and P-8I maritime patrol aircraft participated in a passage exercise with the United Kingdom's Carrier Strike Group in the North Arabian Sea on June 9 and 10, the Ministry of Defence said on Tuesday. The U.K. formation comprised the aircraft carrier *HMS Prince of Wales* and frigate *HMS Richmond*. "The naval exercise demonstrates the deepening cooperation between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy. The collaboration included unified control of integral helicopters, tactical manoeuvres and coordinated anti-submarine operations," the Ministry said in a statement.

Meghalaya case: Sonam, aides sent to 8-day police custody

A court in Shillong on Wednesday sent Sonam Raghuvanshi, accused of killing her husband Raja during their honeymoon in Meghalaya, and her four aides to eight-day police custody, an official said. Raja Raghuvanshi, an Indore-based businessman, and his wife went missing while vacationing in Meghalaya's Sohra area on May 23. His body was found in a gorge on June 2. Sonam was arrested from Ghazipur in Uttar Pradesh, while her aides were apprehended from Indore in Madhya Pradesh. They were brought to Meghalaya on transit remand. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) sought police custody of the accused to reconstruct the crime scene, the officer said. PTI

Turn up in large numbers for Amarnath Yatra: J&K L-G

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday performed the Pratham Puja at the Amarnath shrine located in south Kashmir's Pahalgam, and urged devotees to turn up in large numbers for this year's pilgrimage that starts from July 3.

The pilgrimage spot lies in the same district as the Baisaran meadow where a deadly terrorist attack left 26 civilians dead on April 22.

"The J&K administration, the Amarnath Shrine Board, Army, Border Roads Organisation, Central armed police forces, J&K police are working with dedication, collaboration and clear objectives for hassle-free and safe pilgrimage," the Lieutenant-Governor said. He urged devotees "to visit in large numbers and pray for the progress of J&K and the nation".

A Raj Bhavan spokesman said the puja marked the ceremonial beginning of the yatra.

The pilgrimage will begin from both routes – the Pahalgam track in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district and culminate on August 9.

Axiom space mission postponed to repair rocket's oxygen leak

Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is scheduled to go to ISS with other astronauts; repair and validation to be done before launch clearance

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

SpaceX has said that it is standing down from Falcon 9's launch of Axiom Space Ax-4 mission which will carry Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla to the International Space Station (ISS).

"SpaceX is standing down from Falcon 9's launch of Axiom Space's Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4) to the International Space Station from Launch Complex 39A (LC-39A) at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Wednesday, to allow additional time for SpaceX teams to repair the LOx (liquid oxygen) leak identified during post static fire booster inspections. Once complete - and pending Range availability - we will share a new launch date," SpaceX said.

The last update by the American space technology company on late Tuesday night said that 85% of the weather is favourable for the launch of Axiom Space Ax-4 mission.

"Weather is 85% favourable for liftoff, with teams continuing to monitor high-winds in the ascent corridor," SpaceX said in its last update prior to postponing the launch.

The leakage was detected in the propulsion bay of the Falcon 9 rocket during a hot test on Wednesday. SPACEX/ANI

ISRO also said that the launch has been postponed.

"As part of launch vehicle preparation to validate the performance of booster stage of Falcon 9 launch vehicle, seven second of hot test was carried out on the launch pad. It is understood that LOX leakage was detected in the propulsion bay during the test. Based on the discussion on this topic by ISRO team with the experts of Axiom and SpaceX it has been decided to correct the leak and carry out necessary validation test before clearing for the launch. Hence the launch of Axiom 04 slated for 11th June 2025 for sending first Indian Gaganyatri to ISS is postponed," ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan said.

Mr. Shukla, former NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson, and European Space Agency astronauts Sławosz Uznański-Wiśniewski from Poland and Tibor Kapu from Hungary are part of the crew.

Centre to revise AC temperature range for more efficiency

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) is engaged in preparing a framework to standardise default temperatures of air conditioners, including those in automobiles, in the range of 20-28 degrees Celsius to improve energy efficiency in the country.

Addressing a press conference on Tuesday, Union Power Minister Manohar Lal said the government was in talks with appliance makers and the States on standardising AC temperatures.

"Consultations are on, and once it's over, guidelines will be finalised accordingly. Some States have requested to consider region-wise humidity factor while making the guidelines," Mr. Lal said without sharing further details.

Asked if ACs in cars will also have such standardised temperatures, the Minister said the government was in consultation with automakers as well.

Power demand

The announcement comes at a time when India's peak power demand has been rising and hit 241 GW on June 9.

Power Secretary Pankaj Agarwal said the move was aimed at improving energy efficiency in the country. Reduction of even 1 degree helps save 6% of energy. "There are crores of ACs in the country and every year new ones are getting installed. So you can imagine the savings," he said.

Some States want region-wise humidity to be a factor while framing guidelines. M. SRINATH

The BEE, under the Power Ministry, promotes the use of energy-efficient processes, equipment, devices and systems. It takes steps to encourage preferential treatment for the use of energy-efficient equipment or appliances.

"Discussions are under way on the subject but no final decision has been taken so far on the exact range of temperatures or any timeframe (to come out with the guidelines)," an official said.

'Polluting' plant in an eco-sensitive zone in Uttarkashi draws public ire

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

A solid-waste incinerator installed at Gangotri, in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand, has enraged environmental and social-activist groups. The plant, equipped to combust municipal solid waste, is an "extremely polluting unit" and in the "red category", according to opponents, and thus, cannot be installed within the Gangotri National Park, which lies inside the Bhagirati Eco Sensitive Zone (BESZ), according to Central Pollution Control Board norms.

"It is absolutely wrong for such an incinerator to have come up in such a location," said Hem Pandey, co-chair of the BESZ Monitoring Committee and a former official in the Union Environment Ministry. "We are a monitoring committee and have consistently opposed this project," he told *The Hindu*.

The solid waste treatment plant in Uttarkashi district.

An Uttarkashi-based social activist, Amrican Puri, said that the plant had been installed around a year and a half ago, but has been in operation for the past two months.

The Hindu has seen videos of the plant in action and the piles of solid waste accumulated for processing.

Installing infrastructure projects in an eco-sensitive zone is usually challenging and requires a spate of permissions from the State Pollution Control Board, the State Forest Department, and environment impact assessment bodies. However, those whom *The Hindu* reached out to said that they were unaware of the existence of such a plant.

Amit Pokhriyal, an official at the Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board, told *The Hindu* that he was not aware that such a plant was functioning. "We didn't give any approval," he said.

Notwithstanding concerns over the location, it appears that there are also divisions within the BESZ managing committee itself, with some members dead against the plant and others approving it.

Uttarkashi District Magistrate Meherban Bisht, who is also the Member Secretary of the BESZ managing committee, shared a document with *The Hindu* that claims the Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand (at the time, Radha Raturi) had approved the plant.

The incinerator was set up under the PRASAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive) scheme of the Union Ministry of Tourism. The project reportedly cost ₹306 lakh and the plant can process a tonne of waste every day. A method to manage solid waste was necessary, as eight lakh pilgrims visit Gangotri Dham each year during the Char Dham Yatra, and their arrival brings 400 to 500 kilograms of organic waste into the forest, a project document noted.

India unlikely to ratify 'High Seas Treaty' at U.N. Ocean Conference

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

India is unlikely to ratify the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) agreement – also known informally as the 'High Seas Treaty' – at the ongoing United Nations Ocean Conference in Nice, France, sources indicated to *The Hindu*.

Though India signed the agreement in September 2024, formal ratification is pending. Before proceeding, the government is required to amend certain laws, including the Biological Diversity Act, it is learnt. "This will probably be taken up after the Monsoon Session (July 12-August 12) and needs to be passed in Parliament. There are other issues that also need to be sorted out," a person familiar with the negotiations said.

India had signed the agreement in 2024, pending ratification. (Seen here) Minister Jitendra Singh at the Ocean Conference 2025. AFP

As of June 10, 49 countries have ratified the treaty. Once 60 countries complete the process, the treaty will enter into legal force.

Union Minister for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh, who is representing India at the conference, which continues until June 13, stated in France that India was in the "process of ratifying the treaty".

One of the most contentious aspects of the BBNJ is the sharing of resources. The high seas, lying beyond the exclusive economic zones (EEZ) of nations, are not under the jurisdiction of any single country, and are known to harbour unique and exotic marine life. While commercial extraction remains technically challenging, a clear mechanism for equitable sharing of potential economic benefits is yet to be finalised.

In his address on June 10, Dr. Singh highlighted India's progress on Samudrayaan, the country's manned submersible mission, which is expected to reach ocean depths of up to 6,000 metres and is slated for a trial dive in 2026. He also referred to India's nationwide ban on single-use plastics and highlighted more than $80 billion in Blue Economy investments.

India reiterated its call for a legally binding Global Plastics Treaty and launched the 'SAHAV' digital ocean data portal at the conference, underscoring its growing leadership in global marine conservation efforts.

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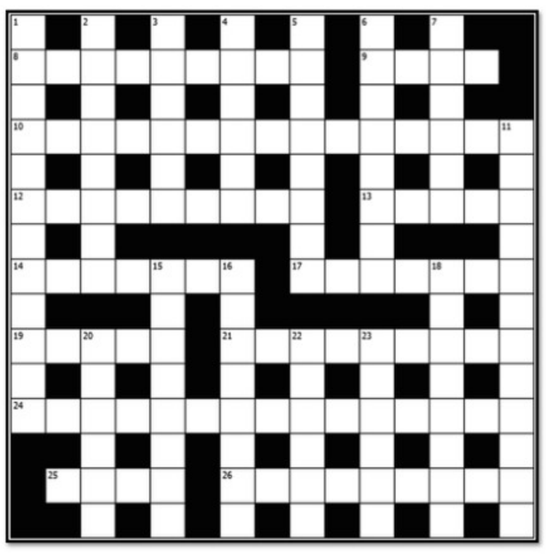

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8 Spooner's stomach aid for gymnastic posture (9)
9 First to last, dirty paintings (4)
10 Rugby Union team rep, lively, consumed by disposition to be feverish (3,1,11)
12 Abnormally thin English couple catching a cold, one died (9)
13 Record ton on batting left-handed (5)
14 Observant, required when husband replaces note (7)
17 European cycling champs are superior in organisation (7)
19 Regrets circumventing lecturer's principles (5)
21 Wretched place concealing start of potential viral disease (9)
24 Model of one, expect I am in line for this? (15)
25 Discharge brat (4)
26 Monotone, one curiously odd? Yes, strangely delivered (9)

Down

1 Chore rashly done ending in acute muscle cramp (7,5)
2 One nobody picked up before steady flood (8)
3 African thug climbing this to start casing section (6)
4 Rodent damage mounting to millions (6)
5 Damn dude, lousy rider (8)
6 Spot of balm coating bit of chapped area (8)
7 Top bishop, contemptible person (6)
11 Performers in street near ground (12)
15 Fellow ends up supporting American nit-pickers (8)
16 Setter's entering inebriated party (4,2,2)
18 Delay over pilot flying crock for drugs (8)
20 First infiltrates security, seconds later stays under cover? (3-3)
22 Sultana's rule reportedly saving lives (6)
23 Don quickly reversing operation divides family (4,2)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

8	3	9	6	2	1	7	4	5
7	5	1	9	4	8	3	2	6
2	6	4	5	7	3	1	9	8
3	4	6	7	9	5	8	1	2
9	8	7	4	1	2	5	6	3
1	2	5	3	8	6	4	7	9
4	7	8	2	3	9	6	5	1
6	9	3	1	5	4	2	8	7
5	1	2	8	6	7	9	3	4

FAITH

Listening to good advice

A person who commits mistakes will not readily admit his folly. He can get out of any quagmire if he listens to saner advice. A person should lend an ear to his spouse's advice. In the Yaksha Prashna of the Mahabharata, when the Yaksha asked Yudhisthira who the best companion for a man was, Yudhisthira replied that a person's wife would always be a great source of support. If the wife possesses a noble soul, what more does a man want? If she lacks this, what is there in life for him? (*Illathen illaval* – Kural 53.)

Trichy Sri Kalyanaraman said in a discourse that Tara, Vaali's wife, cautioned him when Vaali's brother Sugreeva rechallenged him to a fight. She told him that she had come to know Sugreeva acquainted with a friend called Rama. Tara said Rama's brothers are like the air of life to him. He gave the kingdom to Bharatha, who ruled in the name of his brother Rama. But "you set out to wage a war with your brother", she said. When Rama hit Vaali with an arrow from behind, Vaali questioned Rama's act and argued with him. Vaali said others should study and follow dharma, but it flows in your blood. Rama replied that you abducted your brother Sugreeva's wife and also fought with your brother, who surrendered at your feet. You transgressed all the paths of dharma and deserved to be punished. After a series of arguments and counterarguments, Vaali accepted his mistakes. Vaali said Rama's arrow not only pierced his chest but also purified him. Vaali further said that at his last moment, Rama not only cleansed him from his sins but also purified his soul. He said to Sugreeva, "Rama gave you only the kingdom, but he gave me the everlasting happiness of moksha."

INBRIEF

Murugappa Group's Montra Electric unveils e-3 wheeler

Montra Electric, the clean mobility brand of the Murugappa Group, unveiled its electric three-wheeler Super Cargo in Bengaluru on Wednesday. The vehicle is priced at ₹4.37 lakh (ex-showroom Bengaluru, post subsidy), the company said. The vehicle features a 13.8 kWh lithium-ion battery with a road range of 170 km. Its drivetrain produces 70 Nm torque and 11 kW peak power with 23% gradeability. It will also be available with a 15-minute 100% charging option.

SEBI nod to NSE for monthly electricity futures contracts

The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) on Wednesday said it has received the approval from markets regulator SEBI to launch monthly electricity futures contracts. The launch aims to provide market participants with effective hedging tools against electricity price volatility, enable more accurate price signals in the power sector and encourage capital investments across the electricity value chain - generation, transmission, distribution, and retail. PTI

Capgemini to support growth of professional rugby in India

Capgemini has been named transformation partner for India's first Rugby Premier League (RPL). In collaboration with the Indian Rugby Football Union and GMR Sports, Capgemini would help shape the RPL, ushering in a new era for professional rugby in India, the company said on Wednesday. The GMR RPL would be played in a Rugby 7s format and as official transformation partner, Capgemini said it would help uplift players' social and sports profiles.

Union govt. to wield quality control 'stick' to drive exports

Centre is not keen on providing subsidies, quality control orders will be used to push industry to become internationally competitive, says official

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

The Indian government is not keen on providing further subsidies to export-oriented sectors of the economy, according to a senior government official.

Instead, the government is going to follow a more "carrot and stick" approach where quality control orders (QCOs) will increasingly be used to push Indian industry to become internationally competitive, while all non-subsidy help will be in terms of land acquisition and other regulatory hurdles.

"The government has taken a call that just giving subsidies has not really worked in boosting India's exports," the official said.

"There is an issue with the quality of the product as well. That's why we are now focussing on QCOs to ensure that our exports meet the minimum quality standards."

"The government is not inclined to provide more subsidies to sectors than it already has," the official added. "But all non-subsidy help that we can provide will be provided, like easing land acquisition, or any other regulatory issues they come to us with."

However, *The Hindu* has also learnt that the issue of providing subsidies for the production of rare earth batteries in India has come up for discussion in the government, in light of the supply crunch due to China banning the export of these products.

QCOs are regulations that state that products manufactured, imported, sold in India, or manufactured for exports, must meet minimum quality standards as laid out by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). There has been a debate in India on whether QCOs are helping or hurting. According to the government, including Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, QCOs are the path to enhancing India's export competitiveness.

'Exemptions allowed'

However, Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery has said that QCOs are a "malign intervention" to stop imports from certain countries, but that would actually end up hurting India's MSMEs. "To ensure competitiveness of Indian exporters, exemptions from mandatory QCOs are available for imports intended for export production under specific schemes, such as advance authorisations, by export oriented units (EOUs), and in Special Economic Zones (SEZs)," the Minister of State for Textiles Pabitra Margherita said in a reply to the Lok Sabha in March 2025.

The Centre's stance on subsidies runs against what some industries have been demanding.

The Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI), for example, on Tuesday released a report in which it called for an upfront subsidy of ₹10,000-15,000 per kWh on the purchase of alternate fuel for heavy earth moving machinery (HEMM) for mining applications.

No compromise

The government has taken a call that just giving subsidies has not really worked in boosting India's exports

- Govt. focussing on QCOs to ensure that exports meet minimum quality standards
- Non-subsidy help will be in terms of easing land acquisition or any other regulatory issues
- Subsidies for production of rare earth batteries "discussed" in the light of supply crunch

SEBI set to introduce dedicated UPI handle for intermediaries

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is set to introduce a validated UPI handle for the investor-facing intermediaries to ensure secure payments and combat fraud.

The handle – "@valid" – is expected to come into force from October 1, 2025.

The initiative comes into force after consultation with various stakeholders, including NPCI.

A valid payment will show a thumbs-up symbol within a green triangle to ensure awareness among the non-English speaking population.

"This means that 8,000 to 9,000 intermediaries including brokers, bankers to an issue, research analysts, investment advisors among others, will have to transition to the new UPI handle to collect payments and fees," said Prabhas Kumar Rath, Chief General Manager, Deparment of Economic and Policy Analysis (DEPA), at a media interaction.

No existing SIP will be affected, and the old IDs will be discontinued from December 11, 2026, SEBI said in a circular.

World Bank cuts India FY26 growth forecast

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

The World Bank has cut its growth forecast for India to 6.3% in the current financial year 2025-26 from the 6.7% it had projected in January, citing dampened export and investment growth. This 0.4% point cut in growth forecast is in line with an equivalent reduction in the global growth forecast to 2.3%.

The World Bank's new forecast for India – included in the June 2025 update of its Global Economic Prospects report released on Tuesday in Washington – is lower than the 6.5% growth for 2025-26 that the Reserve Bank of India had predicted in its latest monetary policy announcement on June 6.

"India is projected to maintain the fastest growth rate among the world's largest economies, at 6.3% in FY 2025-26," the report said.

The World Bank cited subdued export and investments.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	82,515	0.15
US Dollar	85.53	0.04
Gold	98,490	0.83
Brent oil	68.20	0.93

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2581.20	-31.90
Adani Ports	1456.40	-17.40
Apollo Hosp	6927.50	9.00
Asian Paints	2208.80	-10.10
Axis Bank	1231.40	-1.40
Bajaj Auto	8719.00	93.00
Bajaj Finserv	2012.90	14.80
Bajaj Finance	9425.00	-72.50
Bharat Elec	392.90	-4.50
Bharti Airtel	1860.20	3.10
Cipla	1521.70	10.90
Coal India	402.10	2.55
Dr Reddys Lab	1351.10	2.30
Eicher Motors	5352.00	-25.50
Eternal Ltd.	257.07	1.39
Grasim Ind	2722.20	14.20
HCL Tech	1721.90	53.80
HDFC Bank	1950.40	-14.90
HDFC Life	764.20	1.75
Hero MotoCorp	4410.30	31.30
Hindalco	655.20	-3.15
Hind Unilever	2376.40	-18.80
ICICI Bank	1431.00	8.10
IndusInd Bank	836.30	-8.75
Infosys	1631.10	35.10
ITC	426.15	-0.85
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	302.65	-0.15
JSW Steel	1007.10	4.00
Kotak Bank	2145.30	-5.80
L&T	3684.80	5.00
M&M	3080.70	13.20
Maruti Suzuki	12452.00	-68.00
NestleIndia	2419.20	-12.20
NTPC	338.10	-1.10
ONGC	247.32	2.64
PowerGrid Corp	295.45	-5.60
Reliance Ind	1448.90	10.40
SBI Life	1799.30	13.80
State Bank	815.05	-2.00
Shriram Finance Ltd.	686.05	-14.35
Sun Pharma	1690.60	1.80
TataConsumerProduct	1104.30	-10.80
Tata Motors	736.40	4.15
Tata Steel	156.41	0.73
TCS	3471.90	9.00
Tech Mahindra	1637.50	26.60
Titan	3541.60	17.40
Trent Ltd.	5776.50	-37.50
UltraTech Cement	11464.00	73.00
Wipro	258.92	4.05

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 11

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	85.31	85.63
Euro	97.55	97.92
British Pound	115.14	115.57
Japanese Yen (100)	58.77	59.00
Chinese Yuan	11.87	11.92
Swiss Franc	103.75	104.15
Singapore Dollar	66.32	66.58
Canadian Dollar	62.32	62.56
Malaysian Ringitt	20.13	20.22
Australian Dollar	55.54	55.75

Source:Indian Bank

SBI hires 13,455 clerical staff to boost customer experience

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

State Bank of India (SBI) said it has hired 13,455 juaior associates (clerical staff) to enhance customer experience at it's branches across the country.

The list of selected candidates is now available on the public sector lender's official careers portal.

The bank's recruitment is aimed at filling up vacancies across 35 States and Union Territories.

The selection process started with Preliminary Examinations in February and March 2025 and the Main Examinations were held in April 2025.

Across categories

"Our total recruitment across categories is about 18,000 people, out of which around 13,500 will be clerical recruitment, 3,000 will be probationary officers and local-based officers," said C.S. Setty, Chairman, SBI.

The recruitment is aimed at filling up vacancies across 35 States and Union Territories.

"As we onboard this new talent pool, we further aim at strengthening our human resource capabilities by implementing structured skill development programmes aligned with evolving functional and technological requirements," he said.

The lender is an employer to more than 2,36,000 people.

NIM may pick up from Q3 on CRR boost: PNB's Chandra

N. Ravi Kumar
HYDERABAD

Punjab National Bank (PNB) expects a pick-up in net interest margin (NIM) from the third quarter as the Reserve Bank of India's decision to reduce cash reserve ratio (CRR) will provide access to more funds to lend, managing director and CEO Ashok Chandra said here on Wednesday.

Another factor bound to help boost NIM is an imminent lowering of deposit rates by the public sector lender in the backdrop of the RBI also recently slashing repo rate by 0.5%.

The central bank's decision to reduce CRR by 100 basis points, in phases, will see PNB getting an additional about ₹15,000 crore that otherwise was not earning interest.

"We will be able to deploy that... generate interest income," he said.

On how deposit rates will move, he said, "We are going to take it to asset liability committee meeting on June 30 as the 100 basis point repo rate cut [in recent months] has [improved] liquidity in the system. Inflation is [projected to be lower] at 3.7%. So, we are going to study... and reprice [deposits]," he said.

On corporate credit offtake, he said "We have ₹1.35 lakh-crore book." A lower interest regime is only expected to push up the demand, Mr. Chandra said.

Ashok Chandra

What Every Man Should Know About Stress & Burnout

Burnout is more than just tiredness — it's physical and emotional collapse from prolonged stress, often linked to work, responsibilities, or emotional strain. A 2024 FICCI-BCG report states 58% of Indians experience burnout and workplace exhaustion, much higher than the global average of 48%. For men, who are often less likely to talk about mental fatigue, burnout often goes unnoticed until real damage is done.

Stress triggers the release of cortisol and adrenaline — hormones that generally prepare the body for a "fight or flight" response. But when stress is constant, the body stays in survival mode.

Physical Fallout: From Immunity to Heart Health

Chronically high cortisol levels suppress white blood cells, which weakens immunity, increases the risk of infections, and slows recovery. Stress also disrupts inflammation control, increasing the risk of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) like diabetes, hypertension, cancer, and heart disease.

According to the Apollo Health of the Nation 2025 report, in the 40-55 age group, 31% of men are hypertensive, 28% are diabetic and 73% are overweight/obese (based on 4.5 lakh health checks). Chronic stress is one of the key drivers of these NCDs, along with inactivity, smoking, alcohol and poor sleep.

The gut takes a hit too. Stress increases acidity, slows digestion, and alters gut bacteria — leading to bloating, indigestion, and ulcers.

"In a 2024 study, over 70% of Indian men with irritable bowel syndrome reported a stressful life event, with 60–80% facing chronic stressors."

Dr Rajib Paul
Internal Medicine Physician
Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad

Mental Health, Sleep, and Anger

The brain too is particularly vulnerable to long-term stress. Cortisol impairs the hippocampus (linked to memory) and prefrontal cortex (which governs focus and judgement). The result: forgetfulness, poor decision-making, and mental fatigue.

One clinical sign of stress is poor sleep. According to Health of the Nation report, 28% (age 40-55) and 68% (>55) of men were at high risk for Obstructive Sleep Apnoea (OSA), a condition strongly linked to stress, weight gain and poor sleep. OSA worsens mood, productivity, and heart health.

Chronic stress also fuels emotional issues like irritability, frustration, and even rage. This can impact relationships, performance at work, and emotional resilience. According to NCRB 2022 data, over 1,20,000 men died by suicide, accounting for 70% of the total suicide cases in the country. Family-related issues, illness, and relationship issues were ranked among the top three drivers.

The Hidden Risk: Shortened Lifespan

One of the most concerning and lesser-known consequences of chronic stress is its effect on cellular ageing, particularly through telomere shortening. Telomeres are protective caps at the ends of our chromosomes. While shortening of the telomeres is a normal part of ageing, chronic stress accelerates this shortening.

Shorter telomeres mean cells can no longer divide effectively. They enter a state called senescence — a kind of biological retirement where the cell is alive but no longer functioning properly. Senescent cells release inflammatory chemicals, contributing to NCDs.

Men are often conditioned to "tough it out" but ignoring stress can cost dearly. Burnout is a warning signal you don't want to ignore. My final advice: Take time for rest, seek professional help, exercise, eat healthy, and do your annual health check.

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WASHINGTON

Musk regrets some of his Trump criticisms, says they 'went too far'

REUTERS

Elon Musk, the world's richest person and Donald Trump's former advisor, said he regretted some of his recent criticisms of the U.S. President, after the pair's public falling-out last week. "I regret some of my posts about President @realDonaldTrump last week. They went too far," Mr. Musk wrote on his platform X. AFP

LOS ANGELES

Brian Wilson, founder of the surf band *The Beach Boys*, dies aged 82

AFP

Beach Boys co-founder Brian Wilson, who created some of rock's most enduring songs such as *Good Vibrations* and *God Only Knows* in a career that was marked by a decades-long battle between his musical genius, drug abuse and mental health issues, has died at the age of 82. The cause of death was not announced. REUTERS

NEW YORK

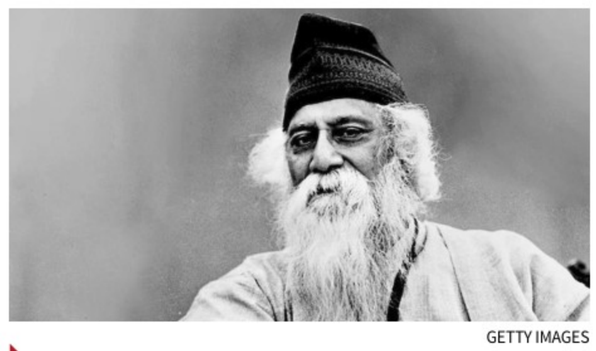
Harvey Weinstein convicted of sexual assault in New York retrial

AP

Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein was found guilty of sexually assaulting Miriam Haley, and not guilty of sexually assaulting Kaja Sokola following a retrial at which three women recounted in detail how he victimised them. Jury deliberations will continue on the allegations levelled by Jessica Mann on Thursday. AFP

DHAKA

Mob attacks, vandalises Tagore's ancestral home in Bangladesh



GETTY IMAGES

A mob attacked and vandalised on Sunday, the Kachharibari, the ancestral home of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore in Bangladesh's Sirajganj district, leading authorities to constitute a three-member committee to investigate the incident, according to media reports on Wednesday. PTI

U.S. appeals court allows Trump tariffs to remain

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

A U.S. federal appeals court is allowing President Donald Trump's global tariffs to remain in effect for now.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit said it would fast-track its consideration of the case given the "issues of exceptional importance" at stake. Arguments are scheduled for July 31. Mr. Trump called the decision a "great and important win for the U.S." in a post on Truth Social early on Wednesday.

The U.S. Court of International Trade ruled in May that Mr. Trump had overstepped his authority with across-the-board global levies.

Trump says U.S.-China deal is 'done', tariffs to stay at 55%

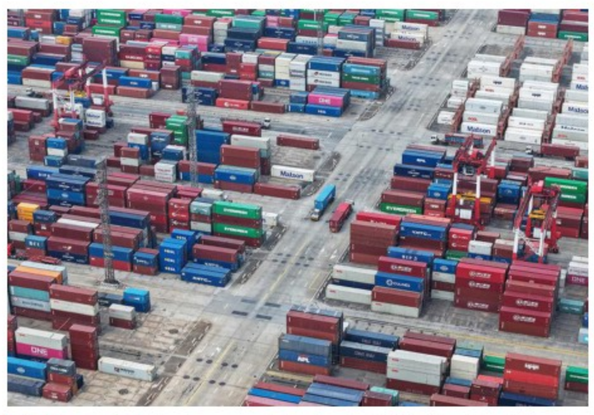
Washington will get magnets and rare earth minerals from Beijing under the new framework, while Chinese students will be allowed to attend U.S. colleges and universities, says President

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump announced on Wednesday that Washington will get magnets and rare earth minerals from China under a new trade framework and that tariffs on Chinese goods will total 55%.

In return, Mr. Trump said, the U.S. will provide China "what was agreed to", including allowing Chinese students to attend American colleges and universities.

What Mr. Trump described as a "deal" actually is a framework to help the U.S. and China eventually negotiate a sought-after trade agreement, which Mr. Trump intends to do with numerous countries.



Starting point: The framework is intended at helping the U.S. and China eventually negotiate a sought-after trade agreement. AFP

A White House official, who was not authorised to discuss the terms publicly and insisted on anonymity to describe them, said the 55% was not an increase on the previous 30% tariff on China because Mr. Trump was including other pre-existing import taxes.

"OUR DEAL WITH CHINA IS DONE, SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL WITH PRESIDENT XI AND ME.," Mr. Trump wrote Wednesday on his social media site.

He said full magnets and any necessary rare earths will be supplied up front by China.

A Chinese statement on the talks did not reveal any details or concrete steps.

In a follow-up social media post, Mr. Trump said he and Xi "are going to work closely together to open up China to American Trade. This would be a great WIN for both countries!!!"

Bill to dissolve Netanyahu govt. submitted in Knesset

Associated Press
JERUSALEM

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government faced a major test on Wednesday after the opposition submitted a Bill to dissolve parliament, with his ultra-Orthodox coalition partners threatening to support the measure and force early elections.

The ultra-Orthodox parties are furious that the government has failed to pass a law exempting their community from mandatory military service, an issue that has long divided the Jewish Israeli public, especially during the 20-month-long war in the Gaza Strip.

While many expect a last-minute compromise, the vote is the most serious challenge to Mr. Netanyahu's government since Hamas' October 7, 2023, attack, the biggest security failure in Israel's history.

Popular sentiment: A protester in Tel Aviv calls for action to secure the release of Israeli hostages held in Gaza. AFP

The opposition submitted a Bill to dissolve the Knesset, Israel's parliament. In response, coalition members submitted numerous Bills, packing Wednesday's schedule and buying time for last-minute negotiations.

The dissolution vote, if it is not pulled, is expected to take place late at night. Separately, Argentina's President Javier Milei will address the Knesset on Wednesday.

The Bill must pass another three readings before parliament is dissolved, a process that could take days or weeks.

Three killed, 60 injured in Russian strikes on Kharkiv

Agence France-Presse
KHARKIV

Latest Russian strikes on Ukraine's northeastern city of Kharkiv killed three persons and wounded 60 others, including children, on Wednesday, authorities said, as Moscow pushed ahead with attacks after rejecting an unconditional ceasefire.

Ukraine said it had received the bodies of more than 1,200 soldiers, handed over by Moscow, part of a repatriation deal agreed last week.

Russia has fired record numbers of drones and missiles at Ukraine over recent weeks.

The northeastern city of Kharkiv, just 30 km from the Russian border, again bore the brunt of the attack. "Seventeen strikes by enemy UAVs (drones) were carried out in two districts of the city tonight," Kharkiv Mayor Igor Terekhov said on Telegram. Kharkiv regional Governor Oleg Synegubov said three persons had been killed.

"Every new day now brings new cowardly strikes from Russia, and almost every strike is demonstrative. Russia deserves increased pressure," Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on social media after the shelling of Kharkiv.

The Russian Defence Ministry said on Wednesday that more units had crossed into the Dnipropetrovsk region, where it is mounting an offensive for the first time in its 40-month-long invasion.

Los Angeles imposes downtown curfew as protests continue

Associated Press
LOS ANGELES

Demonstrations spread to other U.S. cities including Dallas, Austin, Texas, Chicago, New York

Los Angeles leaders imposed a downtown curfew through Wednesday morning to deal with protests against U.S. President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown, while the Governor accused him of drawing a "military dragnet" across the nation's second-largest city with his escalating use of the National Guard.

Democratic Governor Gavin Newsom asked a court to put an emergency stop to the military helping federal immigration agents, with some guardsmen now standing in protection around agents as they carried out arrests. He said it would only heighten tensions and promote civil unrest. The judge chose not to rule immediately.

Mr. Trump has activated more than 4,000 National Guard members and 700 Marines over the objections of city and State leaders, though the Marines have not yet been spotted in Los Angeles and Guard troops have had limited engagement with protesters.

Demonstrations have spread to other cities, including Dallas and Austin, Texas, Chicago and New York, where a thousand people rallied and multiple arrests were made.

Pakistan is a 'phenomenal partner in counter-terrorism world': U.S. General

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Pakistan has been a "phenomenal partner" to the U.S. in countering terrorism, said Gen. Michael Kurilla, the U.S. CENTCOM chief, on Tuesday. Speaking at a House Armed Services Committee Hearing, the Commander said Pakistan's military has captured "at least five ISIS-Khorasan" terrorists using the intelligence provided by the U.S., and argued in favour of strengthening relation with both India and Pakistan.

"Since the beginning of 2024, Pakistan had over

General Michael Kurilla

1,000 terrorist attacks in the western area killing about 700 security (personnel) and civilians, and 2,500 [were] wounded – they are in an active counter-terrorism fight right now and they have been a phenomenal partner in the counter-terrorism world," said Gen. Kurilla.

Gen. Kurilla appreciated the Pakistan military for arresting Mohammed Sharifullah who was accused of orchestrating and providing material support for the August 26, 2021, suicide blast at Kabul airport that led to the death of 13 U.S. military personnel and at least 170 Afghan civilians.

"We're seeing Pakistan – with limited intelligence that we provided them – go after them using their means to do that and we're seeing an effect on ISIS Khorasan," said Gen. Kurilla. He said that soon after the arrest of Sharifullah, Pakistan Army chief General Asim Munir called him requesting that the information should be delivered to President Donald Trump.

Gen. Kurilla argued in favour of the U.S. engaging both India and Pakistan for advancing its security goals. "We have to have a relationship with Pakistan and with India. I don't believe it's a binary switch that we can't have one with Pakistan if we have one with India. We should look at the merits of the relationship for the positives that it has."

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No. EE(QA/QC)/West/TEND/07/25-26 Date: 11.06.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Two Cover System (Only through GoK KPP Portal)

The Executive Engineer, Quality Assurance / Quality Control Division, West Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf the Chief Commissioner, BBMP invites Request for Proposal from interested Persons / Firms those who have similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality Control (PMC)" for the below works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Cost of Work (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for "Improvements to roads and drains at 3rd main road, 2nd main road and surrounding area of West of Chord road, 2nd Stage in Ward No. 49, Nagapura".	250.00	5,050/-
2	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for "Improvements to roads and drains at Industrial Sub-urb roads surrounding area, 7th main to 11th main roads of Nagapura and 1st 'K' Block, Rajajinagara surrounding area in Ward No. 49, Nagapura.	250.00	5,050/-
3	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for "Improvements to roads and drains in Nanjappa layout and other development works in Ward No. 53, Vrushabhavathinagara.	250.00	5,050/-
4	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for "Improvements to roads and drains and other improvement works at Ganesha block, Saraswathipura & J.C. Nagara in Ward No. 48, Mahalakshmipuram and Krishnandanagara Ward No. 46, Rajeevanagara".	250.00	5,050/-
5	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for "Construction of building at PF layout in Ward No. 140, Maruthi Mandira (Call-3)".	300.00	7,500/-
6	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for "Providing GYM Equipments and other Beautification works to the Ground in Govindarajanagara Constituency (Call-2)".	200.00	5,000/-
7	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for "Additional works to construction of building at P.F. Layout in Ward No. 140 and Comprehensive development in Govindarajanagara Constituency (Call-2)".	200.00	5,000/-

Time Period : **Till completion of the project.**

Calendar of Events: **(1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 12.06.2025. (2)** Date of Pre-bid meeting : **16.06.2025 at 11.30 am. (3)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders : **23.06.2025 upto 4.00 pm**. **(4)** Date of opening of technical bid : **24.06.2025 at 4.30 pm. (5)** Validity of tender : **90 days from last date of receipts of tender.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (QA/QC)
West Zone, BBMP

VISVESVARAYA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
"Jnana Sangama", Belagavi - 590018, Karnataka

Ref.No: VTU/BGM/SAP/CW1/T-707,708/2025-26/1149 Date: 11-06-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Registrar, VTU, Belagavi, invites e-Tenders (Two Cover Systems) for the following works through e-Procurement Tendering Mode.

Sl. No.	Name of the Tenders	Estimated Amount	EMD Amount
1	**T-707:** Tender for Setup the Digital Class Rooms at VTU Regional Centre, Kalaburgi under Kalyan Karnataka Regional Development Board (KKRDB) Funds.	Rs. 98,00,000/-	Rs. 1,96,000/-
2	**T-708:** Tender for Setup the Digital Library at VTU Regional Centre, Kalaburgi under Kalyan Karnataka Regional Development Board (KKRDB) Funds.	Rs. 98,00,000/-	Rs. 1,96,000/-

Last Date for Receipt of Tender on **18-06-2025 upto 2.30 PM.** Date of Opening of Tender is **19-06-2025 at 4.00 PM.** The details regarding participation in the e-Tendering can be accessed by logging to our VTU Website: **www.vtu.ac.in** and KPPP Portal Website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Registrar

DIPR/Belagavi/457/Adverto/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I,
BSNL Builiding 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road Bangalore - 560001

(See Sec. 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 read II Scheduld to the Income Tax Act 1961).

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION

RC No. 187/2024 IN OA No.1478/2018

Karnataka Grameena Bank, (Formerly Kaveri Gramin Bank), Bellandur Branch, Outer Ring Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 103. **...Certificate Holder**

And

Sri. B. K. Krishnamurthy & Others **...Certificate Debtors**

(CD 1) : Sri B. K. Krishnamurthy S/o. Late Sri B. R. Krishnappa, No. 251, Halubavi Road, Varthur Village and Post, Bengaluru - 560 087.

(CD 2) : Sri B. K. Manjunatha S/o. Late Sri B. R. Krishnappa, No. 256, Halubavi Road, Varthur Village and Post, Bengaluru - 560 087.

Whereas in execution of certificate **RC No.187/2024 IN O.A. No: 1478/2018** issued by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore the undersigned has ordered the sale of the under mentioned properties.

Whereas, the above named Certificate Debtor were ordered by **RC No: 187/2024** the debt amount of **Rs.19,64,293/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Sixty Four Thosuand Two Hudnred and Ninety Three Only) along with interest and cost till realization is due from the certificate debtors, namely, Sri B. K. Krishna Murthy and others the said certificate debtors have failed to pay the dues amount which he is laible to pay.

The outstanding liability in this matter as on 30.11.2024 is **Rs.33,54,159/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Fifty Four Thousan One Hundred and Fifty Nine Only) and whereas the said has amount along with cost, expenses and future interestare not paid by you, the undersigned has ordered the sale of undermentoned immovable property.

You are hereby informed that the day on after 15th day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Sl. No.	Property Details	Measure-ments	Bounded By	Situated at
1	Survey No.89, BBMP Khatha No. 253/128/1/ 140/1	24.6x33	East by : Remaining Portion of the property to Smt. Padma. West : Govt. Oni/ Galli North : Remaining Portion of the same property belongs to N. Venkatesh South by : Road.	Situated at Varthur Village Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on **18.12.2024**

Sd/- Recovery Officer-1,
DRT - 1, Bangalore

FEELING AT HOME

Smith has most runs by an overseas batter at Lord's

AP

Australia's Steve Smith broke the record for most runs in Tests by a visiting batter at Lord's during day one of the WTC final against South Africa. Smith (591) went past Australian Warren Bardsley's tally of 575 runs. During his half-century, he also surpassed legendary batter Don Bradman, who had scored 551 runs at Lord's.

GRITTY

South Africa came hard at us, but we got through that: Webster

GETTY IMAGES

I felt South Africa came really hard at us. We managed to get through that period to get a total on the board. Our bowling attack has been so strong over the years. We know if we don't get it done with the bat, the big guys can certainly get it done with the ball — Australia all-rounder Webster, who top-scored with 72.

BIG HONOUR

Privilege to ring bell at Lord's, says ICC chairman Jay Shah

X@JAYSHAH

International Cricket Council chairman Jay Shah on Wednesday said it was a privilege to ring the bell at Lord's before the start of play in the World Test Championship final between Australia and South Africa. "A privilege to ring the bell at the historic Lord's ground before the start of play on day one of the WTC final".

DOMINATION

Duckett excels as England sweeps T20I series against West Indies

REUTERS

Ben Duckett blasted 84 as England posted 248 for three before restricting West Indies to 211 for eight to win by 37 runs and clinch the series 3-0 on Tuesday. **The scores:** England 248/3 in 20 overs (Duckett 84, Smith 60) bt West Indies 211/8 in 20 overs (Powell 79 n.o., Hope 45, Wood 3/31). **Toss:** WI; **PoM:** Duckett; **PoS:** Buttler.

Rabada breathes fire, but Aussies strike back

The pacer's five-wicket haul helps bundle out defending champion Australia for 212; Cummins & Co. share the spoils as South Africa ends the opening day at 43 for four

WTC FINAL

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Mitchell Starc led Australia's recovery as the defending champion fought back with the ball against South Africa on the first day of the World Test Championship final at Lord's on Wednesday.

Australia was dismissed for just 212 after Proteas captain Temba Bavuma won the toss in overcast conditions, with spearhead quick Kagiso Rabada taking five for 51.

But at stumps, South Africa had slumped to 43 for four in reply, a deficit of 169 runs.

Given the strength of both teams' pace attacks, the key question was always going to be which side could put enough runs on the scoreboard.

Australia's total certainly looked a lot healthier when left-arm quick Starc had Aiden Markram playing on for a duck before dismissing Ryan Rickelton (16) to leave SA floundering at 19 for two.

No. 3 Wiaan Mulder was reprieved on one when wicketkeeper Alex Carey dropped a sitter off Starc. But he added just five more runs before he was bowled by Australia captain Pat Cummins, having taken 44 balls to make six.

It took Bavuma 31 balls to score his first run, a two off Josh Hazlewood, greeted with raucous cheers by South Africa fans at Lord's. But shortly before the close, Hazlewood bowled Tristan Stubbs.

Australia was reduced to 16 for two after losing Usman Khawaja and Cameron Green in a single Rabada over.

Khawaja fell for a 20-ball duck in the seventh over whereas Green nicked low to second slip, where Markram held a superb diving catch.

Australia has struggled to find an opening partner for Khawaja since David Warner's retirement 17 months ago, with Marnus Labuschagne the latest batter tried out.

The 30-year-old, without a Test century for nearly two years, battled hard for 17 off 56 balls before being dismissed by classic fast-bowling from towering left-armer Marco Jansen.

Travis Head could only manage 11 before he glanced Jansen, with Kyle Verreynne holding an excellent diving one-handed catch.

But star batter Steve Smith (66) and all-rounder Beau Webster (72) repaired the damage with a fifth-wicket stand of 79.

In what could prove to be a key moment in the match, Webster would have been lbw to Rabada for eight if South Africa had reviewed an original not out decision.

Smith went to fifty before falling to part-time spinner Markram when he edged a booming drive and Jansen, at slip, clung on at the third attempt.

Australia lost its last five wickets for just 20 runs, with Rabada ending the innings when he bowled Starc.

High and low: After Rabada's demolition job, the South African batters failed to get going. AP & AFP

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA — 1ST INNINGS

Usman Khawaja c Bedingham b Rabada 0 *(20b)*, Marnus Labuschagne c Verreynne b Jansen 17 *(56b, 1x4)*, Cameron Green c Markram b Rabada 4 *(3b, 1x4)*, Steve Smith c Jansen b Markram 66 *(112b, 10x4)*, Travis Head c Verreynne b Jansen 11 *(13b, 1x4)*, Beau Webster c Bedingham b Rabada 72 *(92b, 11x4)*, Alex Carey b Maharaj 23 *(31b, 4x4)*, Pat Cummins b Rabada 1 *(6b)*, Mitchell Starc b Rabada 1 *(12b)*, Nathan Lyon b Jansen 0 *(4b)*, Josh Hazlewood (not out) 0 *(1b)*; Extras (lb-7, nb-10): 17; Total (in 56.4 overs): 212.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-12 (Khawaja, 6.3 overs), 2-16 (Green, 6.6), 3-46 (Labuschagne, 17.6), 4-67 (Head, 23.2), 5-146 (Smith, 41.6), 6-192 (Carey, 51.1), 7-199 (Cummins, 52.4), 8-210 (Webster, 54.4), 9-211 (Lyon, 55.5).

SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING

Rabada 15.4-5-51-5, Jansen 14-5-49-3, Ngidi 8-0-45-0, Mulder 11-3-36-0, Maharaj 6-0-19-1, Markram 2-0-5-1.

SOUTH AFRICA — 1ST INNINGS

Aiden Markram b Starc 0 *(6b)*, Ryan Rickelton c Khawaja b Starc 16 *(23b, 3x4)*, Wiaan Mulder b Cummins 6 *(44b)*, Temba Bavuma (batting) 3 *(37b)*, Tristan Stubbs b Hazlewood 2 *(13b)*, David Bedingham (batting) 8 *(9b, 2x4)*; Extras (lb-8): 8; Total (for four wkts. in 22 overs): 43.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-0 (Markram, 0.6), 2-19 (Rickelton, 8.4), 3-25 (Mulder, 15.2), 4-30 (Stubbs, 20.2).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING

Starc 7-3-10-2, Hazlewood 7-3-10-1, Cummins 7-3-14-1, Lyon 1-0-1-0.

Toss: South Africa.

Sloppy India goes down to Argentina for third loss

Press Trust of India
AMSTELVEEN

Sloppy defending cost the Indian men's hockey team dear as it went down 3-4 to Argentina, slumping to its third consecutive defeat in the European leg of the FIH Pro League here on Wednesday.

India had earlier lost 1-2 and 2-3 against Olympic champion Netherlands here.

On Wednesday, the Indian defence was caught off-guard by the Argentinians as they scored through skipper Matias Rey (3rd minute), Lucas Martinez (17th), Santiago Tarazona (34th) and Lucio Mendez (46th).

Harmanpreet's brace

India's goals came from skipper Harmanpreet Singh (12th & 33rd) and Abhishek (42nd).

After back-to-back defeats against Netherlands, the Indians started positively and had better possession in the first quarter.

But it was Argentina which took the lead in the third minute through captain Rey after an error from defender Amit Rohidas.

India will play Argentina in the return leg match on Thursday.

High hopes: The bowling coach says Nitish is capable of bowling the 'magical ball'. AP

Morkel 'challenges' Nitish to bowl more

INDIA IN ENGLAND

Press Trust of India
BECKENHAM (KENT)

India's bowling coach Morne Morkel wants batting all-rounder Nitish Kumar to deliver more overs in the upcoming five-Test series against England.

Nitish bowled 26.5 overs in the two 'Tests' against England Lions, and Morkel has "challenged" him to bowl more. "I think he (Nitish) is skilful. He is a guy who can bowl that magical ball. For him, it is about consistency. That's something we want to work on as it is important for his game as well," said Morkel.

"I've had conversations with him and challenged him to bowl a bit more. I want to see the ball more in his hands. We all know what he can do with the bat. But for a team, if you can have those bowling options, especially in these conditions, I think he'll be one to be excited," said Morkel.

"We've spoken a lot about how we're going to match England. We are doing well in terms of preparation. When it comes to match-day, it's all about execution."

"The key thing is to get Test match fit and be sharp as we haven't played a Test for a while now. In England, the conditions can suit you. It will be overcast, but the surfaces will still be good. We've only had three sessions so far. We've got a four-day warm-up game (vs India-A) starting in two days' time. I'm more interested in seeing how our guys go in that four-day game," said Morkel.

Scheffler looks for second straight Major

Agence France-Presse
OAKMONT

Top-ranked Scottie Scheffler will try to become the first back-to-back Major winner in a decade by taking this week's 125th U.S. Open, which tees off on Thursday at intimidating Oakmont.

Not since Jordan Spieth captured the 2015 Masters and U.S. Open has anyone swept consecutive Major crowns, but two-time Masters champion Scheffler is on a hot streak.

The 28-year-old American has won three of his past four starts, including a third Major at May's PGA Championship and defending his Memorial title two weeks ago.

This week, however, offers a severe test with thick high rough, tricky bunkers and sloped greens known for lightning-fast speed.

Scheffler arrives after a rest week as the odds-makers' favourite over World No. 2 Rory McIlroy and defending champion Bryson DeChambeau.

The 7,372-yard, par-70 layout offers a vast array of bunkers and a course where many trees were removed to produce an expansive feel.

McIlroy has top-10 US Open finishes each of the past six years.

Still fighting: Marquez believes India can still qualify for the 2027 AFC Asian Cup. AIFF

Dressing room is like a funeral site: Marquez

ASIAN CUP QUALIFIER

Press Trust of India
KOWLOON

"The dressing room is like a funeral (site)," said Indian football head coach Manolo Marquez as he struggled to explain the 0-1 loss to Hong Kong here, even though he remained optimistic about the team's chances of qualifying for the 2027 AFC Asian Cup.

India slumped to a second straight goalless outing in Asian Cup qualifiers, jeopardising its chances of qualifying for the Asian Cup.

"We are sad. The dressing room is like a funeral, practically. But I still think that India has possibilities to qualify," Marquez said when a question on the future of the team came up, insisting that it was not the time to dwell on that aspect.

India now has just one point from two matches in Group C. With only the group winners advancing to the 2027 AFC Asian Cup in Saudi Arabia, the task ahead would be arduous.

"We are not in a good moment. In terms of scores, it's difficult for us to score. But it's true that the team played with more order than in other games."

The coach steered clear of criticising individual players. "I cannot say anything negative about the players. I think that the effort was there, the attitude was there, the plan of the game was there. In some moments, I feel that we can play better with the ball and be more brave. But this is about the situation that the team is not winning and the players are a little nervous".

Patriots get past Jaguars, storm into the semifinals

UTT

Amol Karhadkar
AHMEDABAD

Jaipur Patriots rode on wins from Jeet Chandra, Yashansh Malik and Britt Eerland to beat PBG Pune Jaguars 9-6 to sail into the semifinals of the Ultimate Table Tennis tournament here on Wednesday.

Ever since a back injury forced Dina Meshref to pull out of the tournament, the sixth season of UTT has not turned out the way the team wanted, and it finished sixth in the table.

The feature match turned out to be an all-Bengal affair between Jeet and Anirban Ghosh.

The bespectacled Jeet was at the top of his game, with his powerful forehand taking even the familiar opponents by surprise frequently.

The down-the-line winner on the turn at 8-6 in the second game was one of the points of the day.

Once Jeet gave the Patriots a 2-1 lead, the absence of overseas player Kanak Jha, who picked up a stomach bug, was not felt until Sreeja won a close decider against Zion Lee to close out the match.

Yashansh, who was on the bench for three of the four matches, made his opportunity count by snatching a game off southpaw Alvaro Robles.

Strike force: Eerland played a key role in Patriots' entry into the last four. VIJAY SONEJI

The result:

Jaipur Patriots bt PBG Pune Jaguars 9-6 (Jeet Chandra bt Anirban Ghosh 11-8, 11-9, 10-11; Britt Eerland bt Reeth Rishya 11-9, 6-11, 11-10; Eerland & Chandra bt Reeth & Alvaro Robles 9-11, 11-6, 11-7; Yashansh Malik lost to Robles 4-11, 11-6, 3-11; Sreeja Akula bt Zion Lee 11-5, 6-11, 11-8).

The standings:

Dempo Goa Challengers 44 (5) Qualified, Jaipur Patriots 41 (5) Q, Dabang Delhi TTC 39 points (4 matches) Q, Kolkata ThunderBlades 36 (5), PBG Pune Jaguars 34 (5), U Mumba TT 32 (4), Ahmedabad SG Pipers 30 (5), Stanley's Chennai Lions 29 (5).

Thursday's match: U Mumba TT vs Dabang Delhi TTC (7.30 p.m.).

INBRIEF

Tilak to play for Hampshire in County championship

Left-handed batter Tilak Varma is set to represent Hampshire in the County championship after being approached by the English club, the Hyderabad Cricket Association said on Wednesday. The 22-year-old, who hails from Hyderabad and represents Mumbai Indians in the IPL, has featured in 25 T20Is and four ODIs for India. Tilak has also played 18 First Class games.

Nicholas Pooran named MI New York's captain

Just-retired West Indies batting star Nicholas Pooran has been appointed captain of MI New York for the upcoming season of Major League Cricket (MLC) here. "...there's a new commander in town - captain Nicholas Pooran," the inaugural MLC champios posted on *X*. Pooran was the highest run-scorer in the 2023 MLC season with 388 runs. The third season will get underway from Thursday.

Shooting WC: Manu Bhaker places sixth in sports pistol

Manu Bhaker qualified with 588, but ended up sixth in the 25m sports pistol event in the shooting World Cup in Munich, Germany, on Wednesday. Manu missed the chance to move further in the final as she lost by one point to eventual bronze medallist Yang Jiin of Korea. In the men's 50m rifle 3-position event, Chain Singh placed seventh. In the men's air pistol on Tuesday, Varun Tomar finished sixth.

Leverkusen puts pen to paper with French teenager Tape

Bayer Leverkusen signed France youth international Axel Tape on a free transfer from Paris Saint-Germain's under-19 team on Wednesday. The 17-year-old Tape, a tall defender, signed a "long-term" contract with Leverkusen, the Bundesliga club said.

City ropes in Cherki, Reijnders in time for Club World Cup

Manchester City has signed Rayan Cherki from Lyon and Tijjani Reijnders from AC Milan, in time to beat the deadline to register new players for the start of the Club World Cup. Cherki, 21, joins a new-look City, for a fee of €36.5 million plus an extra six million in add-ons. Reijnders has been signed for £46.3 million, on a five-year contract. He is City's fourth signing of the week as it steps up a radical rebuild following a poor season by its sky-high standards. Reijnders, 26, scored 15 goals during a disappointing 2024/25 campaign for the Italian club, who finished eighth in Serie A. He will bolster manager Pep Guardiola's midfield options following the departure of veteran Kevin De Bruyne.

LIVE TELECAST

WTC Final: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3 p.m.
Ultimate Table Tennis: JioHotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Brazil and Ecuador book World Cup berths, Uruguay on the verge

Vinicius Jr. nets the winner as the five-time champion edges Paraguay to make the grade; Chile out of the reckoning following its loss to Bolivia

WC QUALIFYING

Agence France-Presse
SAO PAULO

Brazil booked its place at the 2026 World Cup in North America on Tuesday with a lacklustre 1-0 home victory over Paraguay, the first win of Carlo Ancelotti's reign.

The five-time world champion punched its ticket to the finals in Canada, the United States and Mexico thanks to Vinicius Jr.

The Real Madrid star poked in from close range in the 44th minute in Sao Paulo after a cross from new Manchester United signing Matheus Cunha.

It was the perfect gift for the Italian Ancelotti on his 66th birthday, having seen his new side held 0-0 by Ecuador last week in his first game as coach.

Goalmouth melee: Vinicius Jr wards off attention from Paraguayan defenders to poke in Brazil's winner. AP

Uruguay's 2-0 win over Venezuela in Montevideo had raised the prospect of qualification for both Brazil and Paraguay at Corinthians Arena.

Paraguay needed only a point to qualify while Brazil knew it could advance with a win.

The win lifted Brazil into third place in the South American standings with 25 points from 16 games, guaranteeing it a top-six finish and an automatic qualifying berth.

Defeat left Paraguay with 24 points, meaning it needs one point to secure its first World Cup appearance since 2010.

Surprise package Ecuador joined Brazil by sealing qualification with a point following a 0-0 draw with Peru in Lima.

In other games, Uruguay edged closer to qualification with its win over Venezuela while Chile was eliminated with defeat to Bolivia.

List of qualified teams
United States, Mexico, Canada (hosts)
Japan (on March 20)
New Zealand (on March 24)
Iran, Argentina (on March 25)
Jordan, South Korea, Uzbekistan (on June 5)
Australia, Brazil, Ecuador (on June 10)

Goals from Rodrigo Aguirre and Giorgian de Arrascaeta secured all three points for Marcelo Bielsa's Uruguay to leave the two-time world champion firmly on course for a place in next year's finals.

Needing a point

Like Paraguay, Uruguay needs only a point from its final two games to qualify.

Venezuela, bidding to reach the World Cup for the first time, is seventh with 18 points from 16 games.

Argentina, already qualified, came from behind to frustrate Colombia with a 1-1 draw in Buenos Aires.

The results: Peru 0 drew with Ecuador 0; Brazil 1 (Vinicius Jr 44) bt Paraguay 0; Argentina 1 (Almada 81) drew with Colombia 1 (Diaz 24); Uruguay 2 (Aguirre 43, de Arrascaeta 47) bt Venezuela 0; Bolivia 2 (Terceros 5, Monteiro 90) bt Chile 0.

Netherlands thrashes Malta, Poland stumbles at Finland

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Netherlands maintained its winning start to European 2026 World Cup qualifying by dismissing Malta 8-0 on Tuesday, while its group rival Poland lost to Finland.

The results leave Finland top of Group G on seven points, one ahead of the Dutch who have played two matches less. Poland sits third on six points after three played.

Poland began life without leading goalscorer Robert Lewandowski in miserable fashion as it went down 2-1 in Helsinki.

The 36-year-old played 158 times for Poland, scoring 85 goals, but announced on Sunday he was no longer available for selection so long as coach Michal Probierz remained in charge.

Goal glut: Depay set off the scoring spree for the Dutch with this spot kick. REUTERS

Elsewhere, Serbia eased past Andorra 3-0 to move to third in Group K on four points courtesy of an Aleksandar Mitrovic hat-trick.

The results: Group G: Netherlands 8 (Depay 9-pen, 16, Van Dijk 20, Simons 61, Malen 74, 80, Lang 78, Van de Ven 90+2) bt Malta 0; Finland 2 (Pohjanpalo 31-pen, Kallman 64) bt Poland 1 (Kiwior 69).

Group H: San Marino 0 lost to Austria 4 (Arnautovic 3, 15, Gregoritsch 11, Baumgartner 27); Romania 2 (Tanase 43, 45+2) bt Cyprus 0.

Group K: Serbia 3 (Mitrovic 12, 24, 53-pen) bt Andorra 0; Latvia 1 (Cernomordijs 45+4) drew with Albania 1 (Manaj 29).

Australia bests Saudi Arabia, punches ticket to big event

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JEDDAH

Australia qualified for next year's World Cup in North America. Tony Popovic's Socceroos defeated Saudi Arabia 2-1 in Jeddah to seal the second automatic qualification spot in Group C.

Saudi Arabia must instead make do with a place in the fourth round, alongside Indonesia. Japan had already secured top place in the group.

In Group B, Palestinian hearts were broken when they conceded a penalty deep into injury time to draw 1-1 with Oman in Amman.

The top two teams in each of the three groups go straight to the World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada, while those in third and fourth move on to the fourth round. Taking place in October, and comprising two groups of three, there are two places at next summer's tournament up for grabs with Oman, UAE, Qatar, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Indonesia all in the running.

Thumping header: Duke rises above the Saudi defence to score Australia's winner. GETTY IMAGES

Important results: Saudi Arabia 1 (Al-Obud 19) lost to Australia 2 (Metcalfe 42, Duke 48); Palestine 1 (Kharoub 49) drew with Oman 1 (Al-Subhi 90+7 pen).

Jordan 0 lost to Iraq 1 (Msharrafawee 77); Uzbekistan 3 (Turgunboev 28, Shomurodov 86, Sergeev 90+2) bt Qatar 0; South Korea 4 (Jeon 30, Lee 51, Oh 54, Lee Jae-Sung 72) bt Kuwait 0.

Japan 6 (Kamada 15, 45+6, Kubo 19, Morishita 55, Machino 58, Hosoya 80) bt Indonesia 0.

Hope back for Tests against Australia

Hope... back in the swing. GETTY IMAGES

CRICKET

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Shai Hope was recalled to the West Indies Test side for the three-match series against Australia.

The white-ball captain has been rewarded for his strong form in limited-overs cricket and could play his first Test since 2021 when the opening game gets underway on June 25 in Bridgetown.

Guyana batter Kevlon Anderson could make his international debut after being included courtesy of a strong domestic season.

"I'm excited about the inclusion of young prospect Kevlon Anderson, who comes in after solid seasons in our domestic competitions to help provide stability in the top order, while the return of Shai Hope is welcomed given his consistency in white ball cricket," said West Indies coach Daren Sammy.

Hope has made 1,726 runs in 38 Tests, with two hundreds and five fifties.

There is no place for Kemar Roach, who has 284 Test wickets.

The squad: Roston Chase (Capt.), Jomel Warrican, Kevlon Anderson, Kraigg Brathwaite, John Campbell, Keacy Carty, Justin Greaves, Shai Hope, Tevin Imlach, Alzarri Joseph, Shamar Joseph, Brandon King, Johann Layne, Mikyle Louis, Anderson Phillip and Jayden Seales.

Indian junior women fight past Belgium

HOCKEY

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The Indian junior women's hockey team edged out Belgium 2-1 to register its second successive win during the European tour here. Lalthantluangi (35) and Geeta Yadav (50) scored for India after a goalless first-half at the Hockey Center of Excellence on Tuesday.

India scored the opening goal after Lalthantluangi successfully converted a penalty stroke.

In the last quarter, Van Hellemont (48) scored the equaliser through a field goal.

Clincher

However, two minutes later, Geeta replied with a field goal and grabbed the winner for India. India then defended well to fend off the Belgian attacks in the final 10 minutes. India had beaten Belgium 3-2 in the first match and next play their European counterparts in the third and final match on June 12.

The result: Belgium 1 (Van Hellemont 48) lost to India 2 (Lalthantluangi 35, Geeta Yadav 50).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Likith sizzles

Likith (32 points) powered DYES Bangalore past HBR BC 85-56 in the State junior under-18 basketball championship for boys.

Other results: Boys: Chikkamagalur district bt Mysore district 'A' 76-59; Hoops 7 BC bt MNK Rao Park BC 67-65; **Girls:** Mandya district bt Vivek's SC 73-50.

Himanshi and Abhinav triumph

Himanshi Chowdhary and Abhinav Murthy won the girls' and boys' under-19 titles respectively in the Karnataka State Ranking table tennis tournament organised by KTTA on Wednesday.

The scores: Finals: U-19: Girls: Himanshi Chowdhary bt Neeti Agrawal 11-7, 7-11, 11-5, 11-8, 8-11, 11-4.

Boys: Abhinav Murthy bt V.G. Vibhas 7-11, 11-4, 11-7, 11-6, 11-9.

All smiles: Himanshi and Abhinav with their reward.

Social pips Bootcamp

Social edged out Bootcamp by three wickets in the Tiger Cup under-14 tournament semifinal.

The scores: Semifinals: Bootcamp 111 in 28.5 overs (V. Jagan Mohan 60, M. Neeraj 3/20) lost to Social 112/7 in 26.5 overs (Vyom Naidu 39).

Play Smart CA 189/5 in 30 overs (Gagan Yashpal 83, Sohum Joshi 46, Chirayu Vishesh 38, Aarushi Mitra 3/25) bt Unorthodox CA 112 in 24.4 overs (Nihar Cariappa 37, James 3/18).

Brahmanya slams ton

Brahmanya Kuber (112) starred in Young Lions Club's win over Vultures Cricket Club in the quarterfinal of the KSCA under-16 inter-club tournament.

The scores: Quarterfinals: Young Lions Club 229/8 in 50 overs (Brahmanya Kuber 112, S. Shahid Ahmed 42, R. Shivaraj 32, Prathyush Shetty 4/45, Gollapalli Chetan Vishnu 3/34) bt Vultures Cricket Club 160 in 40.3 overs (Anirudh Bangera 40, Vaibhav Shetty 4/41).

Swastic Union Cricket Club (2) 272/7 in 50 overs (Arnav Anil 53, Kashif Ahmed Ali 48, R. Nithin 36, Tejasveer Singh Vohra 30, Shiven Gupta 3/54) bt Swastic Union Cricket Club (1) 252 in 49.3 overs (R. Uday Charan 85, Nitish Arya 69, Shiven Gupta 51, J. Sukruth 3/53, J.S. Krishna Sreekar 3/41).

Bangalore Sports Club 234/8 in 50 overs (Kush Kumar Jha 58, Vikram 47, Gokhulnathan Kanna 36, L. Gowda 3/65) bt Engrades Cricket Club 112 in 34 overs (Samvit Shastri 40).

Mount Joy Cricket Club 244/9 in 50 overs (Syaamantak Anirudh 77, M. Tanshh Krishna 59, Atharv Deshpande 32, Chetan Rangraj 3/36, Paarth Madan 3/49) bt Vijaya Cricket Club 140 in 37.4 overs (Om Agarwalla 50, Atharv Deshpande 5/40).